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## One man's trash is another's art show

Alexander MacGillivray, organizer of Trash Can Art Show, left, and local artist Calan Lovstoan find inspiration in places like this alley near a dumpster. Story in [metroNEWS](#) JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

## Ain't no beer, sex in this suite

### HOUSING

### Landlords picky about tenants they'll lease units to



Jeremy  
Nolas  
Metro | Calgary

Enjoy a beer and grilled steak from time to time? There's a homeowner with a suite in Panorama Hills that won't rent to you.

Feel like hosting overnight "companions"? Well, there's a Brentwood-area landlord with a spare room that would prefer you slept alone.

Sure, living in the Banff Trail area would make it easy to commute to the nearby University of Calgary, but those applicants unwilling to pro-

vide proof of enrolment and renters' insurance likely won't be considered for one basement dwelling in the area.

Picky landlord laundry lists are a common sight on Calgary rental ad websites and yet it appears there's little recourse for prospective tenants who prefer a lifestyle with a bit more leniency.

"Our legislation is very specific about what it covers and what it doesn't cover," said Susan Coombes with the Alberta Human Rights Commission.

There are some ads, however, that could be offside, such as one in Martindale citing a preference for a "small Punjabi family."

A woman reached at that ad's posted phone number said Thursday: "That's my property and I will do whatever I want to." She then promptly hung up.

But Coombes said such an

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Susan Coombes, Alberta Human Rights Commission

ad could warrant a complaint on the basis of race discrimination.

Others advocating for "single females only" could be discriminatory both on the basis of gender identity and marital status, she said.

There are rules barring similar objections on the basis of colour, ancestry, place of origin, religious beliefs, physical disability, mental disability, family status, and sexual orientation.

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## Recovery of message in a bottle 'serendipitous'

### SCIENCE

### MRU student meets Spanish family who made discovery



**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary student Addison Asuchak was hunting for jobs on a computer in Marseilles, France, when he got a surprise Facebook message.

"We found your bottle," it read.

"In four seconds it dawned on me what it was," Asuchak recalled.

Ten months earlier, the Mount Royal University chemistry and physics major had served as a Parks Canada representative on an educational expedition to the Arctic. The goal of the program, run by Students On Ice, was to learn about science while travelling to one of the globe's farthest reaches.

As their "floating classroom" reached the southwest end of Greenland, the expedition's members each took a piece of paper, wrote a message, stuffed it into a bottle and tossed it in the ocean.

"It wasn't just for fun, but actually to help track where



Mount Royal University student Addison Asuchak, right, is seen with the family who discovered his message in a bottle in northern Spain. Inset: The bottle dropped into the ocean by Asuchak on the southwest side of Greenland. FACEBOOK

the ocean currents are going and how fast the ocean currents are moving," Asuchak told Metro. "It was actually for science."

On his note, Asuchak wrote, "To whomever finds this bottle, please do a kind act for another person. Pay it forward."

The bottle was close to disintegrating and had a sea creature of some kind wrapped around it when it was discovered by a girl named Maria last week on a beach in the Lekeitio area of northern Spain.

"She didn't know what a message in a bottle was, so

she showed it to her mother," Asuchak said.

Most living in that area speak Basque, but it just so happens that Maria's father, nicknamed Ule, speaks English. He sent the message on Facebook informing Asuchak of the discovery.

It just so happened that Asuchak had been competing in Austria in the Red Bull Paper Wings World Finals 2015. He's been Canada's top paper-airplane thrower for three years running and been treated to an expenses-paid trip to the world finals each time.

After this year's event, he journeyed on through Europe and spent the day in Marseilles cliff-jumping with new friends.

But once he was hit with Ule's surprise message, he jumped at the chance to meet the Spaniard and his family.

He hitchhiked to the family's village last week and stayed with them for three days. Asuchak said calculations done by the original expedition's crew suggested only four per cent of the 130 bottles dropped into the ocean would actually be found, and it would take two years for the first to make landfall.

He deemed the bottle's discovery "serendipitous," as Maria hopes to enrol in post-secondary education and Asuchak also hopes to sign her up for the same expedition he went on.

He said the whole experience is an example of what can happen when a person works to be "seizing the moment, seizing the day."

"I say yes to a lot of things," he said. "I kind of jump and then look."

### CRIME

### Suspicious death on downtown pathway

Calgary police are investigating a suspicious death after a man's body was found on a pathway beneath the Fifth Avenue Flyover downtown Thursday afternoon.

Homicide detectives were on the scene, laying out numerous evidence placards on the pathway where the 40-year-old man was found dead by an "associate" at about 12:30 p.m., according to police.

"I'm not sure about the nature of the relationship," said Duty Insp. Ryan Ayliffe. "Associate is probably the best clarification I could give you at this time."

He said police have spoken to numerous witnesses who were using the pathway or otherwise walking in the area, but police are still looking for more witnesses to come forward.

Police on the scene were taking photographs and examining a shopping cart full of items. Nearby, other items were strewn across the trail.

The cause of death is still unclear. Officers on the scene did not have much information about the investigation.

Police are asking anyone who saw suspicious activity in the area between midnight and noon Thursday to come forward and call the Calgary Police Service non-emergency line at 403-266-1234, or Crime Stoppers anonymously.

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## IN BRIEF

**Former lawyer, mortgage broker face charges in multimillion dollar fraud**

Calgary police have charged a former lawyer and mortgage broker in relation to a multimillion dollar financing fraud.

Police said in addition, the two men are believed to have defrauded seven property owners through mortgage and bridge financing between June and December 2012.

Former lawyer Floyd Campbell, 46, faces 15 counts of theft over \$5,000 and 15 counts of fraud over \$5,000.

Brandon Antonini, 43, is facing 14 counts of theft over \$5,000 and 15 counts of fraud over \$5,000. Antonini is also facing a lifetime prohibition from the Real Estate Council of Alberta.

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**Albertans adapt quickly to new 811 number for Health Link services**

Albertans looking for health information over the phone have moved quickly to the new 811 number to reach Health Link.

Of the roughly 2,300 people who called Alberta Health Services' information and advice line on Wednesday, 61 per cent dialled 811 rather than the old number, which is still in service.

The new 811 number was just introduced on Monday.

Based on data from Saskatchewan's transition to the same, easy-to-remember, three-digit number, AHS expects to have nearly 90 per cent of Health Link callers use 811 by this time next year.

METRO

# Making your own parking signs? Don't

## CAR WARS

## Residents can't stop people from parking, city warns



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary's parking boss is reminding city residents that they don't own the streets in front of their homes after one person erected homemade signs in an apparent bid to prevent people from parking nearby, leading to a 311 complaint.

"Our neighbour has a 'No Parking' and 'Bus Stop' sign posted on his front lawn," reads the complaint, filed Wednesday from the Signal Hill area, complete with a photo of the amateurishly constructed wooden signs.

"If one of us parks in front of these signs he gives out notes telling us not to park there," the complaint continues. "His daughter is picked up and dropped off by a school bus."

Calgary Parking Authority general manager Mike Derbyshire said city residents can't legally claim exclusive parking rights on the street in front of their homes and homemade signs like these "aren't worth the paper they're written on."

He said the CPA and city police encourage residents to "work together" on parking issues in their neighbourhoods by talking with one another, but leaving signs and notes for



These homemade "no parking" and "bus stop" signs were the subject of a 311 complaint. SCREENSHOT

other drivers is not the best way to go about it.

"It's a very confrontational approach and we don't encour-

age that, whatsoever," Derbyshire said, adding that street parking is legally available on a first-come, first-served basis.



**We need people to understand that there is no property right inherent to the street front on their block.**

Mike Derbyshire, Calgary Parking Authority

That fact is a point of contention among many Calgarians, however. Online forums are littered with arguments over whether paying property taxes entitles a homeowner to parking privileges in front of his or her home.

Police even investigated a 2013 incident in which numerous Mount Royal University students received notes on their windshields vaguely threatening "the wellbeing" of vehicles they had parked in a nearby residential area before going to class.

"We pay big taxes so we can park by our houses," the notes read. "This is both a request and a warning. You will not be asked again."

But Derbyshire said homeowners have no legal claim to street parking adjacent to their homes.

"The roadway in front of that residence — or beside it, or whatever the case may be — is city property," he said.

"Anybody can park there, as long as they follow the rules."

People with disabilities can apply for handicapped parking zones in front of their homes, he noted.

Residents of a neighbourhood can also get together to apply for a residential-parking permit zone in a particular area, but even then the spaces in front of a particular house are not reserved for the residents of that house.

"We need people to understand that there is no property right inherent to the street front on their block," Derbyshire said.

"Parking is a shared responsibility and a privilege. It's not a right people get when they own homes."

## INFRASTRUCTURE

## Cities big issue in election

Big-city needs are primed to be an election issue when Canadians go to the polls later this year, Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Thursday, as details of the federal NDP's plan to boost funding for municipal infrastructure came to light.

"This is very different than it has been in the past," Nenshi said. "Instead of the mayors going out to the party leaders, what we're really seeing is them coming to us, because I think they've figured out that this upcoming election is going to be an election about urban issues."

Nenshi's comments came during a press conference at the annual Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) gathering, where on Saturday NDP Leader Thomas Mulcair is expected to promise a dramatic increase in federal funding for urban infrastructure.

The party's plan would give cities an extra cent of the federal gas tax, which would mean an extra \$420 million a year, plus an additional \$1.5 billion boost to "core infrastructure" for cities by the end of the NDP's first term in office, according to a draft document.

The federal Conservatives have already outlined a plan for a new "transit fund" that, starting in 2017/18, would offer cities \$750 million over the first two years then grow to \$1 billion annually.

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau is also expected to outline his party's plan for cities during the FCM conference.

"It's exciting to see the federal parties finally wake up," said Jeff Binks, president of LRT on the Green, a citizen group that advocates for improved transit service in Calgary.

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# Honouring our everyday heroes

## CHIEF'S AWARDS

### Stephen Lawlor just one lauded for his deed that saved man's life



**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

For Stephen Lawlor, an employee with the City of Calgary Parks Department, his job usually consists of hanging baskets and watering flowers, but on March 6, 2014, he became a hero.

Working as a park supervisor with the City of Calgary in the downtown, Lawlor was approached by a man who had been stabbed in the heart, liver and lungs. With a number of his internal organs exposed, the man, now bleeding out, was making his way to the utility office to try and find help.

Police say the quick-thinking Lawlor jumped into action, grabbing a first aid kit, a pair of gloves and some gauze from his office, performing life-saving first aid on the man.

Now, more than a year after the incident, Lawlor said he even surprised himself.

"I'm looking after flowers and hanging baskets, I'm not trying to watch people get hurt and help them, so I was quite surprised at how calm I was," he said. "Then, afterwards, I was a complete wreck, because I couldn't believe that this had just happened to me."

Having spent a lot of time working in swimming pools, Lawlor said he had extensive first aid training and was no stranger to these kinds of situations. Realizing the man was going into shock, he tried to keep him warm and continued to talk to him while the two waited for Calgary EMS to arrive, all while watching for the suspected assailant.

**"We're truly fortunate to live in this city."**

Chief of Police Paul Cook

Police say if it weren't for Lawlor's help, the man would have died, and he said he was just doing what "any responsible citizen of the City of Calgary would do."

Lawlor was just one of 19 people who were honoured at the Chief's Awards gala and Chief of Police Paul Cook, said the event is an important one for the service.

"It's the one time in the year where I have an opportunity as a Chief of Police to really to say thank you and appreciate some of the extraordinary things that our citizens have done to support us as a police service," he said. "We're truly fortunate to live in this city."



**City of Calgary employee Stephen Lawlor, who saved a man's life after he had been stabbed in the heart, lungs and liver, was one of 19 people honoured at the Chief's Awards Gala. Held on Thursday night at BMO Centre, the event honoured those who have saved lives and worked to make Calgary better.**

MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

## + OTHER WINNERS

### • Todd Moher: Award of Exceptional Recognition for Valour

On May 2, 2014, Todd Moher successfully subdued a criminal who was trying to ditch a handgun and flee the scene after a three-car collision.

Police say the man was charged with 12 offences and Moher helped police take a gun and a dangerous criminal off the street.

### • Raeshell Birin: Award of Exceptional Recognition for Life Saving

Just before 3 a.m. on Jan. 9, 2015, Raeshell Birin spotted a patient who had snuck out from the mental health unit at Peter Lougheed Hospital.

Wearing only a hospital gown, the patient was in -22 C weather when Birin spotted her after an hour of being out in the freezing cold. She then called 911 and carried the frozen woman into her vehicle and drove her back to the hospital where she was met by police. Doctors said if it weren't for Birin's actions, the patient may have died.

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# Valedictorian lauds loyal service dogs

ABILITY

## Canines enabled her to complete university



**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

After more than a decade of dealing with a life-threatening illness, Alyssa Denis has graduated from Mount Royal University and she said if it wasn't for her service dogs, Luna and Moxie, she might not have crossed the stage.

A graduate of the disability studies program at Mount Royal (MRU) — and the valedictorian of her class — Denis crossed the stage with Moxie by her side.

Denis said until she got her first service dog in 2006 — Luna has since retired — she

was confined to a bed and the only interactions she had were with her parents and her medical professionals.

"Luna was a catalyst," she said. "She is a catalyst for change: she gave me my life back."

Denis hopes her story will encourage people to learn about the importance of service dogs, as stigmas around the animals still exist.

"I want the public to see how amazing these dogs are, and the impacts they have on lives," she said, noting she hopes it helps people become less judgmental and better informed.

As she delivered her speech, she said she aimed to inspire her fellow graduates as they enter into their careers helping people with disabilities.

In the Mount Royal graduation program, Denis's success was declared a major feat. The school said she "overcome many challenges inside and outside of the classroom."



Alyssa Denis on stage at MRU with Moxie. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

EDMONTON

## Police officer faces assault charge

An Edmonton police officer has been charged in the aggravated assault of a man who was seriously hurt during an encounter in a convenience store.

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was asked to investigate what happened on March 8, 2014, when an officer responded to a complaint of an intoxicated man.

The man was apparently refusing to leave a Subway sandwich shop inside a Mac's convenience store.

ASIRT said the officer "had contact" with the 45-year-old man, who suffered a complex

### + DEPARTMENT

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team investigate incidents involving police that have resulted in serious injury or death.

facial fracture needing hospitalization and surgery.

ASIRT said no weapons were involved.

Police said Const. Sean Briegel, a four-year veteran, has been placed on administrative duties.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Police probe bike crash

A man remains in hospital with life-threatening injuries following a collision between a motorcycle and a car Thursday morning, Calgary police said.

Police were called to Bow Trail and 45 Street

SW at 11:57 a.m., and said it looked as if the vehicle ran a red light at the intersection and hit the motorcycle.

No charges have been laid at this time and police continue to investigate. METRO

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## WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

## Institute sees spike in intake numbers



**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

With the Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation's biggest intake season just beginning the organization is seeing a slight spike in animals under their roof.

"This is the beginning of our peak season for admitting all wildlife, but predominant-

ly baby wildlife," said executive director Holly Duvall. "So whether they're injured or orphaned or sometimes kidnapped as well."

This year, with the warm winter and early summer, Duvall said they are receiving baby animals earlier than normal and overall the centre is up over 90 patients from the same time last year. The group takes in around 1,600 patients every year.

She said they received their first goslings three weeks earlier than last year and other baby animals followed the early drop-off trend.

"There's a few different reasons we suspect this may be," Duvall said. "One is that the more we're known in the public the more wildlife we can save. We know that there's hundreds of animals that aren't saved every year simply because they're not found."

She added the centre is set up to take on this brunt of animals and they aren't concerned.

What the centre is trying to do as soon as possible is to pay off the mortgage for its land, so it can spend more money saving animals instead of servicing debt.

The group is a non-profit running on donations alone without any government funding.

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Calgary nurse Sarah Mutch helped to deliver the first baby born in the Canadian Red Cross field hospital in Dhunche, Nepal. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

## Nurse home from Nepal

## RED CROSS

## Sarah Mutch helped deliver first baby born in field hospital



**Jennifer Friesen**  
For Metro

After travelling for eight kilometres down the narrow road that leads to Dhunche, Nepal, a pregnant woman finally reached the town's new field hospital.

That afternoon, Calgary nurse Sarah Mutch helped to deliver the first baby born in the hospital — a healthy, seven-pound baby boy.

"It was great," said Mutch. "It was nice to see something happy happen amongst all that devastation."

The magnitude 7.8 earthquake that hit Nepal on April 25 destroyed Dhunche's original hospital, which had cared for the population of 3,000 as well as all the people in surrounding areas. But within 48 hours,

the Canadian Red Cross sent a team to build a field hospital in its place.

Mutch arrived in Nepal on April 28 as one of 20 first responders with the Red Cross. In a matter of weeks, a fully-functioning hospital had been built, with 10 beds, an emergency ward and an outpatient department.

The medical staff has seen 1,400 patients since it was built, undertaking minor surgeries including C-sections, which Mutch said "wasn't on their radar before."

"Hopefully that's going to help with the maternal mortality rate," she said. "It's going to keep these women safer."

Mutch returned home to Calgary last week after finishing her four-week deployment in Nepal, saying that despite the mission's success, "there is still a lot more to be done."

"Hopefully it'll be something that people don't forget about once it's not in the public eye anymore," she said. "Those people still need help. They need supplies, they need food and they need shelter."

**It was nice to see something happy happen amongst all that devastation.**

Sarah Mutch





Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta is seen in front of some of the weapons, drugs and materials seized from a butane-processing lab at an Acadia residence in late May. Police say because they're prone to explosions, the labs are a danger to public safety. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

# Police unearth explosives in bust

## CRIME

### Butane found in home along with drugs and weapons



**Morgan Modjeski**  
Metro | Calgary

Calgary police seized \$20,000 worth of drugs and several weapons during a May 20 search of a southeast home, but officials say the illicit narcotics were not their only concern.

That's because officers also discovered a small drug lab where a 29-year-old man was alleged to have been using butane to manufacture honey oil, a potent drug created by extracting THC — the active ingredient in marijuana.

"Butane is an extremely flammable liquid and the slightest spark or power source

can trigger an explosion in a non-ventilated area," said Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta.

The lab, which police say was a small-scale operation, was discovered following a month-long investigation into a residence in the 9000 block of Athens Road SE.

Police have now charged 29-year-old Chad Hunter with numerous trafficking offences as officers seized several replica weapons, firearms, ammunition and a variety of drugs including roughly 84 grams of cocaine, more than 1,000 grams of marijuana and 639 oxycodone pills.

Schiavetta said police also found roughly 50 canisters of butane at the home and said honey oil's growing popularity is likely linked to the fact that so much information on how to manufacture the drug is available online — and that the oil can be smoked in e-cigarettes.

"This extraction process is occurring in residential areas which could result in explo-

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**This extraction process is occurring in residential areas which could result in explosions.**

Staff Sgt. Martin Schiavetta

sions, not only affecting the house ... where the butane is being used to extract the THC, but neighbouring properties," he said.

Judy Davis, who lives on the same street, was surprised to learn a lab was operating so close to her home.

"I'm absolutely shocked," she said. "I've been living in this house for 53 years."

While Davis said she never witnessed any suspicious activity in her neighbourhood, she said the area has been changing as older residents retire and move away.

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# Music festival returns

## ENTERTAINMENT

### Event sounds a hopeful note for jazz revival



**Anna Brooks**  
For Metro | Calgary

Jazz lovers across Calgary can look forward to something

that's been absent in the city for the past few years: a summer jazz festival.

Local musician Kodi Hutchinson with JazzYYC said between the crushing cut of the Mount Royal jazz program and the changes to the once renowned Beat Niq Jazz & Social Club, it hasn't been the easiest to find jazz in Calgary over the past few years.

"There's some solid artists

in Calgary and a great core of 20-somethings playing right now in the city," Hutchinson said. "But the opportunities to see them I think are a little less right now."

Hutchinson said he hopes the launch of the JazzYYC Summer Festival June 14 will be a positive step forward in re-establishing the jazz scene in Calgary.

Going into JazzYYC's second

season, Hutchinson said the organization has already quadrupled its ticket sales for the eight concerts it runs throughout the year.

"Accessibility to jazz is what the community said they really wanted when JazzYYC came to be," Hutchinson added. "This first festival is a pretty big deal and we're working really hard to make sure it's a good experience for people."



**Award-winning double bass player Kodi Hutchinson hopes to see the jazz scene bounce back.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

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## MOUNT ROYAL

### First midwifery grads to cut costs

Eight midwifery graduates from Mount Royal University represent a big step forward towards health-care cost savings in Alberta, health-care professionals say.

Nicole Matheson, president of the Alberta Association of Midwives, said lower intervention rates, shorter hospital stays and fewer hospital readmissions are just a few ways midwifery services can cut health-care costs.

"We're working to grow midwifery because we know midwives can save dollars for our health-care system," Matheson said. "Lower C-section rates, increased breastfeeding times ... it can make a big impact to savings over the long run."

Primarily focusing on low-risk pregnancies, midwives are funded based on a "course of care" model through Alberta Health Services.

This means midwives are paid for services encompassing care from the beginning to end of pregnancy, including six weeks of postpartum care, AHS said.

Obstetrician-gynecologists are specialists funded by Alberta Health, while midwives are similar to family physicians in terms of being low-risk service providers. Unlike midwives, physicians are paid on a fee-for-service model.

Matheson added that Albertans can expect to see obstetricians and family physicians working closely with midwives to provide women with the best maternity care possible.

"It's really exciting for families delivering in Alberta," Matheson said. "Just like a family physician can consult with another physician, we work very collaboratively to give the best care to women."

ANNA BROOKS/FOR METRO



**Stephanie Martens is one of eight inaugural graduates of Mount Royal's midwifery program.** JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO



## PALEONTOLOGY PAPER

## Scientist pops the question

It's a scientific love story with a happy ending. Paleontologist Caleb Brown with Alberta's Royal Tyrrell Museum in Drumheller co-authored a paper that was published Thursday in Current Biology about the discovery of a new species of dinosaur.

In the acknowledgements section, Brown highlighted the support of fellow paleontologist Lorna O'Brien. The last line read: "Lorna, will you marry me?"

Brown said his girlfriend didn't want people to make a big deal about how he popped the question, but she did say yes.

Brown said when he decided to ask O'Brien to marry him, he wanted to do "something different, something spontaneous and unique." Slipping the question into his study seemed like a perfect idea.

Brown actually gave O'Brien an advance copy of the paper last weekend while they were at home. After she finished reading it, she looked shocked.

"I don't think she realized it was actually happening."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Humphries a no-brainer as Stampede's parade marshal

## IN DEFENCE OF

**Mike Morrison**  
Metro | Calgary

Ever since the first Stampede was first held back in 1912, the selection of the parade marshal has always been controversial. And even though this year's reveal was accidentally tweeted two hours before Calgary Stampede intended, people shockingly have greeted the announcement with deafening cheers as opposed to the usual jeers.

This year's parade marshal is two-time Olympic gold medalist Kaillie Humphries, and, truthfully, it's hard to argue with the choice. Humphries, who said that as a kid she dreamed of being the Calgary Stampede's parade marshal, is not only a beloved star athlete, she's also broken down barrier after barrier in the world of bobsleigh.

In fact, Humphries is so well-liked, I scoured the Internet looking for a negative



Kaillie Humphries talks to reporters Wednesday following the Calgary Stampede announcement that she'll be leading the 2015 parade. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

comment after the announcement and couldn't find anything. Even Calgary's Reddit community, which is notoriously hard to please, had only one user weigh in on the announcement, saying "Excellent choice!"

But where does Humphries rank in terms of all-time greatest Calgary Stampede parade marshals? If you're basing it on the fact that the Internet

can't say one bad thing about her, even with the city's most infamous online trolls, then that would mean she ranks pretty high.

Most people would probably tell you that William and Kate were the best parade marshals, the only problem is that they weren't actually parade marshals, they were just special guests. The 2011 parade marshal was actually

Rick Hansen, but many were too distracted by the royal media blitz to even notice. Mickey Mouse, Chris Hadfield and Ralph Klein all repeated as parade marshals; I think Hansen is more than deserving of a second shot.

Olympians often make fantastic marshals but as a fan of entertainment, every now and then, I'd love to see the Calgary Stampede go after some

of the big Hollywood legends like they used to. It'd be great to see someone comparable to past parade marshals like Bing Crosby (1959), Bob Hope (1963), Leslie Nielsen (1992), Christopher Reeve (1993) and Jack Palance (1997).

And yes, I'm leaving William Shatner off of the list. Not that he's not a legend in his own right, but minutes after leading last year's parade, he charged an arm and a leg just for the privilege of being in the same room as him. To me, that shows that being the parade marshal was more about earning a quick buck than it was about the honour that comes with the title.

But Kaillie Humphries is definitely one of those people who'll both appreciate and recognize the honour and duties that come along with being the parade marshal. And it's because of that she might be the best one Stampede's ever chosen.

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An unnamed caller believed to be in the Erin Woods area has pleaded with 311 for help in dealing with aggressive magpies outside his or her home. PIERRE-SELIM HUARD/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

# Resident under siege by magpies

## WILDLIFE

### 311 call shows Calgarian scared to leave the house



**Robson Fletcher**  
Metro | Calgary

If you're having problems with magpies, you can take solace in the fact that it's almost certainly not as bad as the situation facing one resident, who described the birds' aggressive behaviour in a desperate plea to 311 on Thursday.

"There are magpies attacking my dogs in my front and back yard every time I let them out," reads the service request to the city, sent from a mobile device and geo-tagged from the Erin Woods area.

"My dogs are paralyzed with fear and stuck inside. I can't see a nest or a reason for this. We are

stuck inside our house because of these magpies. Please help."

The city referred the request to the Alberta Institute for Wildlife Conservation, a non-profit organization that treats injured animals and helps people who are experiencing conflicts with other creatures.

"We get quite a few calls about magpies," said Holly Duvall, the institute's executive director.

Only a "very small portion" of those calls relate to the common birds being aggressive toward people, Duvall added, and that's almost always the result of a nearby nest with recently hatched young.

"We call it a defence zone," she said. "That's usually an area within 100 to maybe 200 metres. So if there's young in that area, especially while they're in the nest, the parents will be very protective of them."

The nests can often be well hidden from view, Duvall noted.

She said adult magpies usually start to "relax" as the chicks get older and should become

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### There are magpies attacking my dogs.

Unnamed caller

much less defensive once the young learn to fly and leave the nest — a process that takes six weeks, at most.

The city recommends on its website contacting a pest-control company if you're having problems with magpies.

Bill Martin of Martin's Pest Control said he sometimes relocates magpie nests away from people's homes, which sometimes works but not always.

The birds will sometimes stubbornly return to an area or rebuild destroyed nests, he noted.

The highly defensive behaviour will usually go away naturally within a matter of days, Martin said, but if you're actually feeling trapped in your house, he suggested using an umbrella as a shield.

## ART SCENE

# Calgary artists taking their inspiration from your trash

There's nothing trashy about picking up materials off street corners and lurking in alleys for found objects instead of hitting up your local art store for your next creative creation.

This Saturday, four artists will gather at the Room Gallery in Bridgeland to embark on a trash-picking creative mission. For two hours, the creatives will scour streets for materials to bring back and make into art. The only rules: no buying and no stealing.

Then the gallery will open up to members of the public, who can check out or purchase the artists' creations.

"I thought it would be super interactive for the public, too, as well as the artists," said Calan Lovstoan, organizer of Trash Can Art Party and creator of Salty Bricks, the magazine hosting the event.

He added that the event would give artists basic materials like saws, markers and glue to help them along.

"There's a whole bunch of useful beautiful stuff that just ends up being stuck in a landfill," said artist and musician Alexander MacGillivray.

"The sort of illusion of 'artist quality mediums,' having to go pay \$16 for a tube of paint, all



Alexander MacGillivray, left, and Calan Lovstoan stand in an alleyway near a dumpster. JENNIFER FRIESEN/METRO

this sort of nonsense, it's exactly that: nonsense. We're artists; we find mediums in whatever we find."

MacGillivray said his motto is "People flush it, we flaunt it," adding that all of us have been given a planet — and a choice to treat it like a garden or a dump. He chooses garden.

He's mostly a visual artist but said it's always interesting to see what comes out of other artists' gathered pieces.

"I'm sure there's going to be a whole bunch of people doing

## + DETAILS

**When:** Saturday, 11 a.m. for artists, 2 p.m. for the public  
**Where:** gallery is run out of a home at 411 2nd Ave. S.E.; the pieces will be showcased at the Rumble House Art Gallery in early July

a whole bunch of interesting things," MacGillivray said. "It's going to be just as much a surprise for me as everybody else."



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# 'Tenants need to ask questions'

## PROPERTY

### Expert says some people are right to file complaints



**Jeremy Nolais**  
Metro | Calgary

Professional landlord or loon with a lot for rent?

In a land where online ads have taken priority over old-fashioned "for rent" signs, the job of landlord is no longer the time-consuming profession it once was, according to Gerry Baxter, executive director of the Calgary Residential Rental Association.

He said his office "regularly" fields calls from property owners who haven't read up on the legislation.

"They get into it thinking, 'Well, this is my home and you'll do what I'll tell you and I'll set all the rules,' which is absolutely wrong," he said. "This is a business. They don't know that. They don't understand,



**Do you know your rights as a prospective tenant? The rise in online rental ads has led to some lower-quality landlords, says a Calgary association.** GETTY IMAGES

and they don't treat it like a business."

Baxter said potential tenants are well within their rights to file a human rights complaint, should the discrimination fall into a specific, protected category. He questioned too, how-

ever, who really wants to rent from a shady landlord with a set of strange criteria.

"Tenants need to ask questions," he said. "If somebody's got some rule in place, it costs nothing to ask why."

There are cases though,

where stringent rental requirements may be necessary. Take the new, \$60-million 1010 Centre run by The Mustard Seed.

Applicants seeking to rent one of the centre's 224 affordable housing suites are required to be single, not allowed to have

overnight guests, and must pass a drug test to qualify.

The centre's living requirements are above board because they fall under Alberta Health's Supportive Living Accommodation Licensing Regulations.

Yvonne Jones, the Seed's resident support manager, said in a statement: "The rules are helpful because they provide the safety and stability that our residents want. The alcohol- and drug-free environment helps people who are working on recovering from addictions."

She added, "Many of the residents at The Mustard Seed's 1010 Centre say they appreciate knowing that we are holding them accountable. It's one more way to support them in their clean and sober lifestyle."

Baxter said, too, that some restrictions on pets and children in certain properties simply come down to keeping the peace.

"What does get overlooked from time to time is that everybody is entitled to peaceful enjoyment of their property," he said. "Whether it's a basement suite or an apartment, it's someone's home."

## MORE TIPS

- Landlords can ask potential tenants for the amount of money they make but can't ask about the source.
- Courts have found that landlords who calculate a tenant's rent-to-income ratio are discriminatory. Rulings found that calculating such a ratio was not an indicator of whether a tenant would pay on time.
- Landlords can ask for a credit history and references, but must maintain the same requirements for all applicants. For example, potential tenants of a particular ethnic group should not be the only ones required to submit such materials. The same rules apply when it comes to co-signers.
- Tenants ruled out simply because they're new to Canada and have no references in the country could also have grounds for a human rights complaint.

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# Don Quixote of life coaches

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Comedian Tommy Savitt performing at FunnyFest



**Lisa Wilton**  
Metro | Calgary

He calls himself the Tommy Lama on stage and doles out advice to his devoted followers.

But so-called ordained comedian and de-motivational speaker Tommy Savitt says he would never encourage anyone to actually take his advice to heart.

"I'm like the Don Quixote of life coaches," he says.

"I teach my audience to battle the windmills of success. If you listen to my advice you won't last long on this earth. In fact, you'll think I'm a very bad man."

Savitt, who performs this weekend as part of FunnyFest, pokes fun at New Age philosophies and the self-help industry but admits he's



**American comedian and 'de-motivational' speaker Tommy Savitt — a.k.a. the Tommy Lama — performs this weekend as part of this year's FunnyFest comedy festival.** CONTRIBUTED

been drawn to them in the past.

"Years ago, my girlfriend at the time said I had to meet this woman who was a New Age healer, and I just got exposed to that whole world," he recalls.

In keeping with the theme, Savitt wears flowing pants, sandals and a big quartz

crystal necklace. He begins his set by moving audience members around Feng Shui-style to get the energy in the room right. He also utilizes such New Age favourites as chimes, cymbals and incense to really set the mood.

"I'm a one-stop holistic shop," he says dryly.

The New York-bred comed-

ian, who has won awards at the prestigious Boston Comedy Festival and L.A. Comedy Awards, has called Los Angeles home for the past 15 years but spends roughly 30 weeks on the road every year.

"I couldn't do anything else," says Savitt.

"And by that, I mean my heart couldn't do anything

## + THE DETAILS

Tommy Savitt performs through Sunday as part of the 15th annual Calgary FunnyFest. For tickets and show locations, go to [funnyfest.ca](http://funnyfest.ca).

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else. I'm a licensed attorney in New York and Connecticut. But I gave that up a long time ago. I can do other things; I just don't want to."

Unlike many of his comedic colleagues, Savitt keeps the language in his set relatively clean, which isn't always an easy task.

"You're playing with one hand tied behind your back," he says.

"I think it is more challenging. Some people use language as a crutch and to disguise their lack of material. If you pepper it with some noise you can distract. I'm very pleased with what I do on stage. At least I'm working."

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# City's metal scene alive and rockin'

Q & A

The annual Calgary Metalfest shines a spotlight on the city's heaviest acts. The festival kicked off Thursday night and runs through Saturday at various venues downtown. Producer Nate Reno of Big Nate Productions tells us why we should check it out.

## What is Metalfest all about?

Calgary Metalfest is a celebration of mostly Canadian underground talent. Bands come in from all over the country, and this year we have 46 acts, about half of which are from out of town.

## How much has Calgary Metalfest grown since its inception?

It's become bigger only in the notoriety of the headliners. Kobra and the Lotus, for example, opened for KISS and Def Leppard last year and have toured Europe extensively, even though they are technically a local band. Other bands of note in the past have been



**Kobra and the Lotus have opened for KISS and Def Leppard and are one of the headliners of Metalfest.** CONTRIBUTED

Skeletonwitch, Abigail Williams and Intronaut. We have always tried to feature a lot of bands at the festival because there is a massive amount of talent that no one knows about in this country.

## How big is the metal scene in Calgary?

The underground scene is huge, but then again it doesn't see the light of day a lot. I think everyone is okay with that, but it would be nice to bridge the gap between sold-out metal

shows at the 'Dome and the local underground shows.

## Where can people find out more about the bands and events and buy tickets?

Calgarymetalfest.com has info on the shows, bands and venues. Tickets will be at the door of every show. The festival officially kicks off Thursday night at Vern's and runs simultaneously at Dickens Pub and Lord Nelson's Bar on Friday and Saturday.

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# Anti-terror efforts get funding boost

CSIS

## Canada's spy agency among beneficiaries

Prime Minister Stephen Harper played up his tough-on-terrorism credentials Thursday, announcing a trifecta of measures aimed at beefing up the country's ability to thwart violent jihad.

The measures, some previously announced in the budget, include more money for Canada's spy agency and more scrutiny of foreign visitors.

"Jihadi terrorists have threatened Canada and Canadians by name and with a clarity that leaves no room for doubt," Harper told a room filled with hand-picked observers.

"We are increasing our capacity to detect terrorists and terrorist plots, to choke off the financing that supports them, and to secure our borders against known and suspected terrorists who wish to enter."

Among those on hand for the pre-election announcement at a Toronto north-end hotel were victims of terrorism, including Cindy Barkway, whose husband Dave died in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Centre in New York.

"I truly hope that Canadians will be safer from these combined efforts," Barkway said to applause.

During his speech, Harper repeated a familiar refrain: that his Conservatives are the only party that can be counted on to protect the security interests of Canadians.

"There's a lot of talk about the terrorist threat," Harper said. "Our Conservative government chooses to do something about it."

Under the new measures, the federal government will commit \$137 million more over five years to Canada's Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), along with \$41 million more a year afterward.

The additional funding, Harper said, would allow CSIS to

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Recognizing that terrorists "need cash," Harper also announced that Canada's tax authorities will put more emphasis on uncovering terror-related financing and the charities and organizations behind the money flow.

The government also plans to expand biometric screening of foreign citizens coming to Canada.

beef up its frontline capacity to counter terrorist threats and activities.

Some experts, however, have argued the earmarked money simply isn't much given the current threat environment, especially with legislation giving the agency more power to stop Canadians from joining terror groups abroad, disrupt bank transactions, and secretly interfere with radical websites.

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### ANNIVERSARY FALLEN MONCTON SOLDIERS REMEMBERED

A concept for a memorial is seen at a ceremony marking the one-year anniversary of the shooting deaths of Constables David Ross, Fabrice Gevaudan and Doug Larche, on Thursday in Moncton, N.B.

The federal budget tabled in April allocated up to \$1 million for the memorial, which will be placed in a waterfront park. The force has been criticized for not properly equipping its officers with adequate training and resources, such as patrol carbines. Still, RCMP Assistant Commissioner Roger Brown says the force in Moncton has better equipment than it had a year ago.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Legault urges against change to gun-registry laws

Gun owners may never know if their registration records have been secreted away by the RCMP once the Conservative government creates what the federal information commissioner is calling a

legislative "black hole."

The allegation from Suzanne Legault came as she pleaded with parliamentarians to strip gun-registry changes from an omnibus budget bill. Legault filed a preservation order Wednesday in Federal Court to pre-

vent the government from destroying more contested gun-registry records. Amendments buried in the omnibus budget bill go beyond the original 2012 law to simply end the long-gun registry and delete the records, Legault said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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In this Dec. 24, 1997, file photo, soldiers prepare to destroy a ballistic SS-19 missile in the yard of the largest former Soviet military rocket base in Vakulenchuk, Ukraine. The Obama administration is weighing a range of aggressive responses to Russia's alleged violation of a Cold War-era nuclear missile treaty. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

# U.S. weighs missile use against Russia

## OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

### Option to deploy missiles in Europe on the table

The Obama administration is weighing a range of aggressive responses to Russia's alleged violation of a Cold War-era nuclear treaty, including deploying land-based missiles in Europe that could pre-emptively destroy the Russian weapons.

This "counterforce" option is among possibilities the administration is considering as it reviews its entire policy toward Russia in light of Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine, its annexation of Crimea and other actions the U.S. deems confrontational in Europe and beyond.

The options go so far as one implied — but not stated explicitly — that would improve the ability of U.S. nuclear weapons to destroy military

targets on Russian territory.

It all has a certain Cold War ring, even if the White House ultimately decides to continue tolerating Russia's alleged flight-testing of a ground-launched cruise missile with a range prohibited by the treaty.

Russia denies violating the treaty and has, in turn, claimed violations by the United States in erecting missile defences.

It is unclear whether Russia has actually deployed the suspect missile or whether Washington would make any military move if the Russians stopped short of deployment. For now, administration officials say they prefer to continue trying to talk Moscow into treaty compliance.

In public, administration officials have used obscure

terms like "counterforce" and "countervailing strike capabilities" to describe two of its military response options, apparently hoping to buy time for diplomacy.

At his Senate confirmation hearing in February, Defence Secretary Ash Carter noted his concern about Russia's alleged violation of the 1987 Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces, or INF, treaty. He said disregard for treaty limitations was a "two-way street" opening the way for the U.S. to respond in kind.

Western leaders are meeting Sunday and Monday for a G-7 summit — from which Russian President Vladimir Putin has been excluded — where Russian aggression will be a key topic.

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# Death toll climbs in Ghana gas station blast, flooding

WEST AFRICA

## Nation to observe three days of mourning

The death toll from a huge gas station explosion and flooding in Ghana's capital has more than doubled to 150 people, the president said Thursday night.

Dozens of people had sought shelter at the gas station and in nearby shops in central Accra to escape the torrential rains at the time of Wednesday night's blast.

Flooding swept fuel being stored at the station into a nearby fire, triggering the explosion that also set ablaze neighbouring buildings, officials said.

The West African nation will observe three days of mourning with flags flying at half-staff, and the government will



**The remaining structure of a gas station after it exploded in Accra, Ghana, Thursday. Flooding in Ghana's capital swept stored fuel into a nearby fire, setting off a huge explosion at a gas station that killed dozens of people and set alight neighboring buildings, authorities said Thursday.** CHRISTIAN THOMPSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

allocate about \$12 million for relief operations and to repair damaged infrastructure, President John Dramani Ma-

hama told journalists before heading into an emergency meeting.

Before Mahama's announce-

ment, the death toll stood at 73.

TV footage earlier Thursday showed corpses being piled into the back of a pickup

truck and other charred bodies trapped amid the debris. Floodwaters around the site hampered rescue and recovery efforts.

Officials at the nearby 37 Military Hospital said its morgue had reached capacity.

Mahama visited the blast site during the day, calling the death toll "catastrophic" and offering condolences to families of the victims.

"Steps will be taken to ensure that disastrous floods and their attendant deaths do not occur again," he said.

Michael Plange, who lives a few blocks away, said many people had taken shelter under a shed at the station from the rain and were hit by the explosion.

The flooding "caused the diesel and petrol to flow away from the gas station and a fire from a nearby house led to the explosion," said Billy Anaglate, spokesman for Ghana's national fire service.

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## IN BRIEF

### Snowden documents show NSA has expanded U.S. web spying

The Obama administration has expanded the National Security Agency's authority to hunt for foreign threats coursing through American Internet pipes by allowing the agency to collect intelligence on cyber attacks, the New York Times and ProPublica reported Thursday, citing documents provided by Edward Snowden. The reports noted that the surveillance of U.S. internet traffic has been occurring without individual warrants. The warrantless surveillance was legalized in 2008.

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### ISIL uses dam to reduce water supply to Iraq's government-held areas

ISIL militants have reduced the amount of water flowing to government-held areas in Iraq's western Anbar province, an official said Thursday, the latest in the vicious war as Iraqi forces struggle to claw back ground held by the extremists in the Sunni heartland.

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# Young Iranians touch the sky

## EXTREME SPORTS

### Slacklining catching on in mountainous, arid nation

Kiavash Sharifi can hardly describe the feeling of tip-toeing across an abyss on a thin ribbon that bends ever so slightly downward.

The 22-year-old is one of a growing number of Iranians embracing the extreme sport of slacklining — a high-wire walk on a flat line of webbing strung between rocks or trees up to 60 metres above the ground. The webbing provides slightly more stability than a round cord but is also bouncier.

"It is very exciting. I'm short on words when I want to describe how it feels when you are on the webbing, and how it feels when you manage to walk the whole line and reach the other end," Sharifi said. "When you are on the webbing you don't notice anything else."



In this picture taken on May 28, Iranian slackliners Kiavash Sharifi, left, and Mohammad Reza Abaee walk on a line anchored between two rocks for a practice near the city of Arak, 330 kilometres southwest of Tehran. VAHID SALEMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On a recent day, Sharifi and his friends gathered in the mountains outside Tehran, with the capital skyline serving as a backdrop. They strung a 10-metre strip of webbing between two rocks 30 metres

above ground.

At this point they are largely unfazed by the danger and laughed and joked as they took turns inching across. One of them placed his hands on the line and lifted himself up with

just his arms. Then he leaned back on the line as if using it as a hammock.

"When I'm walking on the highline I have a very good feeling. I feel free. I'm free from all preoccupations, and

it is very enjoyable," said Mohammad Reza Abaee, at 23 the most experienced of the group. High-altitude slacklining is known as highlining.

"My biggest dream is to do a BASE jump from the highline,"

## + BACKGROUND

### Making do

Iran Slackline is a group of friends who have had to find their own footing in a country with no formal institutions for the sport. They must make much of their equipment by hand or acquire it abroad — including safety devices.

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he said, referring to another extreme sport in which one jumps from a high-altitude stationary object and glides to the ground with a parachute or wingsuit.

Samaneh Hassanzadeh has only been slacklining for a few weeks, learning on a line that is just a foot above the ground. Her twin sister Samira is also exploring the sport.

"It helps one achieve great concentration," Samaneh said. "It is both exciting and helps you concentrate. It's perfect, when you are on the line you don't want to step down."

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## Amnesty support high: Poll

### ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

#### Survey finds 72 per cent accept undocumented Americans

A majority of Americans support allowing immigrants living in the country illegally to stay and be granted legal status, according to a new poll released Thursday.

The survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that 72 per cent of Americans support legal status for such immigrants.

The survey results come at the beginning of the 2016 presidential campaign, in which immigration is expected to be a key point of debate.

The poll found that 56 per cent of Republicans agree that immigrants living in the U.S. illegally should be able to stay — so long as they meet certain criteria. The poll question did not specify what those requirements might be.

The Pew survey also found that about half of Americans think a lot more can be done to secure the nation's border. Bor-

der security is a common starting point among many Republicans for any plan to overhaul the country's immigration system.

While 63 per cent of Republicans also said they believed immigrants in the country illegally are a burden on the country, the Pew survey also suggests there is a growing divide between Republican voters and Republican lawmakers. Researchers found that only 34 per cent of Republicans and Republican-leaning independents said the party is adequately representing their views on illegal immigration.

About half of Democrats, and those who lean left, say that party is doing a good job representing their view on the issue.

Support for allowing immigrants in the country illegally to stay can vary depending on how survey questions are worded. A recent Associated Press-GfK poll found that about half of Americans and a third of Republicans support either a path to citizenship or legal status, but that survey did not specify that immigrants must "meet certain requirements" to qualify, as the Pew survey did.

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### UNITED STATES

## Family ignorant of late son's radicalism

The family of a Boston man shot to death by terrorism investigators was shocked by allegations that he planned to kill police officers, and saw no signs that he had become radicalized, their attorney said Thursday.

Ronald Sullivan, a Harvard Law professor, said Usaama Rahim's family considered him "an energetic young man trying to make his way in this world" and saw no behaviour

or changes in demeanour that would lead them to suspect he would espouse violence.

Surrounded by Rahim's brothers, mother and wife on the sidewalk where Rahim was shot, Sullivan said they hope to work "productively and cooperatively" with investigators in a "joint effort to search for the truth."

"Let me be clear: The family is not making any substantive claims at this time about what

happened in this case," Sullivan said. He said the family planned to view a video of the shooting later Thursday, but said that may not tell the whole story.

Rahim, 26, was fatally shot Tuesday after investigators said he refused to drop a military-style knife as they sought to question him about "terrorist-related information." Police have said the video shows officers backing up and Rahim

moving toward them before they fired.

Sullivan said Rahim's brother Ibrahim Rahim, a well-known imam in Boston, regrets posting a Facebook message based on incorrect, third-hand information claiming that his brother had been shot three times in the back.

"We now know we simply did not have all the facts at that time," Sullivan said.

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## In-shop Enbridge ads removed by Tims

Tim Hortons has brewed up controversy for its decision to yank ads by pipeline giant Enbridge Inc. from its in-store screens.

On Thursday morning, the coffee-and-doughnut purveyor responded to complaints about the ads on Twitter, telling individual users: "We value your feedback and the Enbridge advertisements are no longer airing on 'Tims TV.'"

But the tempest in a Timbit only grew as oil industry supporters lashed out against the move.

The top-trending Twitter hashtag on Thursday afternoon in Canada was #BoycottTims.

Calgary Conservative MPs like Jason Kenney, Michelle Rempel and Joan Crockatt took the chain to task on Twitter.

"I'm proud to represent thousands of constituents who work for Enbridge & other CDN energy companies," Kenney, the defence minister, tweeted.

Tim Hortons declined to comment.

Enbridge is the dominant shipper of oilsands crude and plans to build the contentious Northern Gateway pipeline to the West Coast.

"We have enjoyed working with them and respect their decision," said Enbridge spokesman Graham White in an email.

SumOfUs, a global group that targets well-known brands, started an online petition on Wednesday afternoon pressing Tim Hortons to stop "shilling" for the oilsands industry.

By the time senior SumOfUs campaigner Emma Pullman woke up Thursday morning, the ad was taken down. As of Thursday afternoon, 28,000 people had signed the petition.

"Tim Hortons, though it's not a Canadian company anymore, has built itself a really strong place in the hearts and minds of Canadians," she said.

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**TECHNOLOGY INFLUENTIAL VIDEO GAMES ENTER HALL OF FAME** Video games that were inducted into the World Video Game Hall of Fame on Thursday are shown in this photo from The Strong Museum in Rochester, N.Y. The new inductees included Pong, Doom, NES classic Super Mario Bros., Pac-Man, Tetris and World of Warcraft. Nominations for the Hall of Fame's next class are open from now until the end of March 2016. BETHANY MOSHER, THE STRONG MUSEUM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**IN BRIEF**

**Canada files tariff request against U.S. with WTO**

Canada has filed a request to impose more than \$3 billion a year in tariffs on the U.S. in the latest move in an ongoing trade dispute.

The Canadian government has asked the World Trade Organization to authorize punitive measures on a range of American goods. Canada and Mexico are fighting U.S. meat-labelling rules that require a sticker identifying where livestock was born, raised and slaughtered.

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# Bell boss upsets Netflix users with comments

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## President faces social media backlash over VPN remarks

The new head of Bell Media is facing a negative reaction across social media after saying it should be socially unacceptable for Canadians to use technological tricks to access U.S. Netflix.

Mary Ann Turcke told a Toronto telecom conference on Wednesday that using virtual private networks (VPNs) to view content not available in Canada should become taboo.

"It has to become socially unacceptable to admit to another human being that you

are VPNing into U.S. Netflix, like throwing garbage out your car window — you just don't do it," she said.

"We have to get engaged and tell people they are stealing. When we were young and made the error of swiping candy bars at the checkout of the grocery store, what did our parents do? They marched us back in, humiliated us, told us to apologize to the nice lady and likely scolded us on the way home."

Turcke, who recently replaced Kevin Crull as the company's president, recalled reprimanding her 15-year-old daughter over the teen's use of a VPN to watch the American version of Netflix.

Turcke criticized newspapers for publishing how-to articles she said were "educat-

ing the masses on how to get around copyright law."

Many scoffed at her comments on social media, calling them out of touch and unrealistic.

"What is this, opposite day? The only people not using a VPN to use Netflix are those who don't know how," one tweeted.

"I gladly do it, and lots of us did it when working for Bell. Offer choice or I'll choose for myself," wrote another.

A few sided with Turcke, accusing those who defended

the practice of making excuses for their bad behaviour.

"You can rationalize accessing foreign versions of Netflix all you want. The law is on Bell's side and your skirting these restrictions isn't the equivalent of Rosa Parks," one online commentator wrote.

VPNs allow users to mask the location of their IP address, circumventing geographic restrictions on online content.

A spokesman for Bell Media said Turcke would not be available for comment on Thursday.

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### The new definition of masculinity won't be womansplained

My little brother came for a visit last week.

These days, though, he's more of a strapping young guy in his mid-20s.

Watching his evolution — from the boy who ran with windmill legs to a truck-driving carpenter — has been fascinating and, sometimes, worrying.

I've long felt deeply uneasy about the modern ideal of masculinity and its effect on him. Our culture glorifies the stoic man: in control, never vulnerable physically or emotionally. The consummate provider and leader.

But why hear that from me, when you can hear it from Donovan McKenzie, founder of In the Heart of a Man, a new Toronto-based organization that is fighting to redefine masculinity.

Tall, muscled and deep-voiced, McKenzie looks like a tough guy. And for years, that's what he tried to be, until he realized that striving to constantly "be a man" left him depressed, even suicidal.

"I grew up as this big black guy that was supposed to be strong. I grew up in a neighbourhood where it was really taboo to say you're sad," he told me. "I always heard in my head, 'Man up.' Men aren't supposed to feel this way."

"Imagine if there's something I could turn to, so I didn't have to hold this all in my heart?" he added.

He's spoken to young men in schools and prisons about embracing their feelings and accepting themselves. He runs a Humans of New York-style photo blog about men and an online community.

"Because of my story, I think it's time to have that outlet," he said.

UBC's dean of education, Dr. Blye Frank, would likely agree. Frank, who studies the links between masculinity and men's education and health, argues that men engage in risky behaviours to show their manliness. That can lead to higher rates of accidental death and suicide, even cancer, than women.

The new definition of masculinity remains up for grabs.

It might mean, as it did for writer Navneet Alang, unlearning the sexism he grew up with.

Even so, "I'm not sure I've gotten to the point of what an idealized form of masculinity might be," Alang told me.

As for my brother, he says masculinity means courage, restraint, and sacrifices "for yourself and your family."

Whatever the definition, though, it won't be figured out by women like me. We need womansplaining as much as mansplaining these days.

It will come from Frank, Alang, McKenzie, and my little/big brother.

And, I hope, soon.

## Happy face/Sad face

From **chimp chefs** to **zigzagging Zambonis**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



### Man learns not to drink at the rink

A North Dakota man who admitted he drove a Zamboni drunk was sentenced to nine days and fined \$1,500 US this week. Steven Anderson, 27, had a blood alcohol level four times the legal limit when arrested in January at a girls' hockey game in Fargo. Witnesses said he was driving erratically and crashing into the boards. The judge didn't buy the argument that a Zamboni isn't a vehicle.

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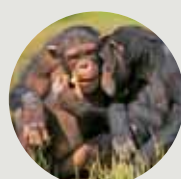
### Nutrition app could give foodies #TMI

A new technology could give social media mavens who like to share #brunch and #foodporn pictures a rude awakening. Google's artificial intelligence prototype Im2Calories can teach you a lot about your food — if you want to know. It analyzes food photos and estimates how many calories are on your plate. The program measures the depth of each pixel, picks up on patterns and calculates your meal's size relative to objects like condiments and cutlery. CBC/CA



### If you give a chimp an oven...

A new study has shed light on how our hominid ancestors first learned to cook. Harvard psychologists gave chimpanzees an oven-like device but didn't show them how to use it. The animals learned to place raw potato in the "chimp microwave," shake it, wait, and get a tasty, cooked treat — showing off skills like planning and delayed gratification. Real fire wasn't used because chimps still don't understand "Careful: Hot." NPR



### Reading, writing and revitalizing

A project at two Ontario First Nations schools is drawing praise for converting reluctant readers. When it began in 2010, 13 per cent of Grade 3 kids were reading at grade level. By 2014, 67 per cent were. The number of special needs students fell from 45 per cent to 19 — raising questions about whether learning problems or inadequate teaching were really to blame. The secret formula? 100 minutes reading and writing per day, every day.

MACLEAN'S

# Finally, technology has found a cure for thirst

## THE KOHLER REPORT

Rebecca Kohler



I've been parched for years, and I've never been sure what to do about it. But now a crowdfunding venture has raised more than \$110,000 to help develop a new product called HhydrateMe — a smart water bottle that tells you when to drink water. Thank God!

To let you know it's time to drink, the 24-ounce HhydrateMe bottle glows — kind of like a wet lantern — until you take a sip. The container connects to your smartphone via Bluetooth (unfortunately there is no Ethernet option). After installing the HhydrateMe app, it will ask you for personal information like your

height and weight (it already knows your IQ is low: you purchased the product). Based on these details and factoring in your environment — temperature, elevation and humidity — HhydrateMe calculates your "water goals," for how much water you should be drinking and when.

"Water goals"! What a fun term. At first it made me think about people in poor countries and their water goals. Goals like "finding water" and "drinking water that doesn't cause me to poo my pants." Then I realized, "Wait! This is about my water goals! Personal water goals."

After some soul searching, I came to the conclusion that while my water goals seem far away during a hangover, I feel like I achieve them on a day-to-

day basis, based on the fact that I'm currently alive.

So do I need this bossy gadget? Sure, it's flashy and all — my body's "drink-water-now" mechanism (thirst) is kind of boring and passé and so 1999 (BC). And I can think of some fun, alternate uses for the HhydrateMe bottle: filling your boss's with vodka, or, instead of using it as a glowing water bottle, using it as a flashlight for thirsty people ...

I'm being hard on HhydrateMe, because I think it's gimmicky. Sure, it'll tell me when to drink, but I'm still in charge. I constantly have a glass of water on my desk and I constantly don't drink from it. Human nature trumps "smart" gadgets.

A glowing bottle might help me for a few days, but

### My body's 'drink-water-now' mechanism (thirst) is kind of boring and passé and so 1999 (BC).

like with all the self-help apps I've downloaded (quit smoking, run faster, Tinder), I'll just start ignoring it.

I won't be surprised if, within a few months of launching, HhydrateMe apps all over the world will be under the impression that their users have succumbed to the effects of dehydration and died.

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca\_kohler

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# I Spy a McCarthy blockbuster

REVIEW

## Director Feig reunites with Bridesmaids actress in new comedy

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



I used to find Melissa McCarthy frustrating.

Director Paul Feig called her “one of the funniest people in the world.” Her husband, actor Ben Falcone, said she “will do anything to get a laugh,” but her tendency to go for the easy gag often put me in the mind of Will Ferrell in his *Blades of Glory* nadir.

Thanks to a string of hits like *Bridesmaids*, *Identity Thief*, *The Heat* and *Tammy* — and an \$809 million box office total — McCarthy is a rarity in Hollywood: a female comedy superstar.

Everyone agrees she is a skilled comic actor who amplifies the funny in good movies and elevates the jokes in lesser scripts but the latter is why I used to find her exasperating. Much of her recent work — this weekend’s very funny *Spy* notwithstanding — has relied on her major personality to magnify minor material.

There’s no arguing with the kind of financial success

she has enjoyed but critical accolades have been elusive. The *Wall Street Journal*, for instance, said of *Tammy*, “The movie’s principal intention is to make you laugh at a loser, and revel in scenes from which polite people would instinctively turn away.”

*Bridesmaids* was her flashpoint, the film that broke her out of the TV sidekick treadmill. As Megan — imagine a feral, female *Guy Fieri* — she stole the show out from under other, better-known stars like Kristen Wiig and earned an Oscar nomination. It’s a wonderful, weird performance that hinted at great things to come.

But aside from a few inspired moments she has not made good on the promise of *Bridesmaids*. Her work has come to rely too heavily on a stock character, the obnoxious loser with a heart of gold buried beneath a thick shell of one-liners and non sequiturs.

“I’ve played a lot of characters who are very vocal, very aggressive,” she told me last year. “For the women I’ve played there is a reason why they are so ballsy and it is nice when you see the crack in the veneer and you realize, ‘It’s part of their insecurity. They stay loud so nobody yells at them.’”

It’s an interesting character breakdown but one that played itself out by the end of 2013’s *Identity Thief* when, I believe, she became infected with Will Ferrell disease.

There was a time when Ferrell could do no wrong. At



McCarthy kicks ass as a top CIA analyst turned spy in a new comedy by *Bridesmaids* director Feig. PHOTO COURTESY 20TH CENTURY FOX

least that’s what the directors of *Blades of Glory*, *Land of the Lost* and *Semi-Pro* thought. Popular with audiences, he was allowed to run riot in a series of so-so films resulting in the bleak middle period of his career where manic energy replaced humour in his films.

McCarthy suffers from the same affliction. She is funny, she knows how to deliver a line, but in *Identity Thief*, *The Heat* and *Tammy* she’s off

the chain, Ferrelling her way through underwritten scripts.

Ferrell turned things around and so has McCarthy. In *St. Vincent* she took a step away from her well-established comedic persona to deliver laughs and show her dramatic range.

Her latest film *Spy* is also a welcome return to form. Paired once again with director Feig, the movie offers up the best of both worlds — a funny, smart script and

## MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

**Spy** ★★★★★  
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# BASE jumping as metaphor for life

## DOCUMENTARY

**'If you're not paying attention, you're going to be dead'**

**Steve Gow**  
For Metro

When extreme sports legend Dean Potter died leaping in a wingsuit from a ridge in Yosemite National Park three weeks ago, it thrust a somber spotlight upon the controversial sport of BASE jumping.

But as tragic as that unfortunate death was, filmmaker Marah Strauch insists there's a lot more positive in the extreme sport

of diving from fixed structures (building, antenna, span, and Earth, hence the acronym) than people tend to understand. It's something she hopes to reveal in her acclaimed documentary, *Sunshine Superman*.

"There are a lot of amazing things happening in BASE jumping," said Strauch during a recent interview. Rattled by the media's aversion "to report good news," she mentioned there are few examples that get favorable coverage — most notably, Felix Baumgartner's infamous 2012 supersonic skydive 24 miles above the Earth.

"It was wonderful when the media talked about that," said Strauch. "(But) I think that if he had passed away, it would've been an even bigger story. People like sensationalism (but) there's all kinds of successful things happening in BASE jumping all the time."

In *Sunshine Superman*, Strauch primarily focuses on the inspirational life of Carl Boenish — a cinematographer-turned-pioneering BASE jumper. As much as the movie utilizes

Boenish's own captivating 16mm footage (which Strauch serendipitously stumbled upon through her uncle) to tell his story, the first-time director also aimed to present what people get out of leaping from tall buildings.

"These people are very freely doing what they love," said Strauch. "I identify with people who are true to their own vision of what life should be, whatever that may be. As long as it's

not harming anybody — to me, that's something I can relate to."

Strauch may have gleaned inspiration from Boenish's found footage but admits she hasn't tried BASE jumping. Instead, Strauch discovered the sport motivated her in another form — to make the documentary.

"BASE jumping isn't for everyone at all but I think that it's something that people can be inspired by," said Strauch. "For me, this idea of overcoming fears, this idea of taking risks and being focused and



**Marah Strauch** CONTRIBUTED

concentrating on that moment of exit. In BASE jumping, if you're not paying attention, you're going to be dead. That, in life, is a really good lesson to learn."

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"I was probably a good person to make the film," explained Strauch. "It could've been made into this really extreme sports, kind of macho film — which I don't think it is. It's this love story set against the backdrop of BASE jumping."



**Jean and Carl Boenish**  
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# White meat, fries and lots of spies

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### Swiss Chalet chicken dinner reminds Allen of childhood spy games

#### THE TV DINNER

Jessica Allen



Nearly every Saturday night during my youth, our family of four would eat at the Swiss Chalet on Dundas Street in London, Ont. Right before we'd see a movie and just after we ordered four quarter chicken dinners (fries, white meat), I'd ask to use the washroom.

While it was not out of the ordinary in the '80s to spot an eight-year-old visit the washroom unattended, slightly more curious was seeing that child form a gun with her hand while slinking down the stairs because she thought she was a spy.

And not just any spy on their way to gather intelligence from

the loo, but James Bond himself.

It was the fault of my folks for allowing me, from a very early age, to see Bond films — which occasionally led to awkward conversations: "Dad, what's an 'Octopussy'?"

Although it never occurred to me that on account of my gender I couldn't be James Bond, I'm happy to see a woman star in a spy film, albeit a spoof of the genre.

In *Spy*, which hits theatres on June 5, Melissa McCarthy plays a desk-bound CIA analyst thrown into the field as an undercover agent in order to prevent a global disaster. The film reunites her with *Bridesmaids* director Paul Feig.

My love of washrooms doesn't end with espionage: I vividly remember the post-food-poisoning epic washroom scene in *Bridesmaids*, which managed to surpass *Dumb and Dumber's* finely tuned aria of toilet noise.

However, I wasn't eating alone so neither film was an option. Take-out Swiss Cha-



let (white meat, fries), however, was uncontested.

"What about a Bourne movie?" I asked my partner Simon.

"The Bourne movies you've seen a hundred times? What about Barry Lyndon?"

"Not that Kubrick pic again." Then I remembered the Swiss Chalet waitresses' uniforms back when they still wanted to emphasize the "Swiss" bits.

As my brother and I sipped Kitty Cocktails, we'd gaze up at ample bosoms. So Simon and I watched Martin Scorsese's 1993 adaptation of *The Age of*

Innocence, obviously.

White wine replaced the Kitty Cocktail but the quarter chicken dinner was just as I remembered. The corsage cleavage, however, was a little flat.

Edith Wharton's *Gilded Age* novel is about gender restriction, something critics think limit McCarthy.

By repeatedly playing the "hot mess," she's pigeonholing herself, they say.

It's a false assumption that if you conquer the gender divide on the screen, it will make the gender divide in the real world more palatable.

Besides, I don't want to watch McCarthy take a dump in a sink because she's a woman. I want to see her do it because she's one of the few genuinely hilarious people on screen, like Buster Keaton before her, who's mastered the art of physical comedy.

McCarthy's mission in *Spy* is to save the world. With all due respect to her bowels, I hope she never stops.



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## INTERVIEW

## The Entourage star talks fame and his not-so-alter ego



**Ned Ehrbar**  
Metro | Life

You would think life in Hollywood could be a bit awkward when you're best known for playing one the biggest (fictional) movie stars in the world, but Adrian Grenier insists his *Entourage* character, Vincent Chase, hasn't cast a shadow over his own career.

"I mean, I think it's a failure of imagination if you start to let your successes bog you down," said Grenier. "If I have to work harder to convince people that I'm more than the character or I have other things up my sleeve, then so be it."

In fact, Grenier made peace with his fictional alter ego a long time ago — for self-preservation if for nothing else.

"We're sort of living vicariously through each other, comfortably sharing the same space," he said. "When people call me Vince, I answer. I don't try to correct people. Because I am Vince to many people. I mean,



**Hot, successful actor Adrian Grenier plays Vincent Chase — a hot, successful actor — in the *Entourage* movie, out this week.** CONTRIBUTED

even blurring the lines as much as the fact that Vince was Aquaman and in real life I do a lot of ocean work. I am Aquaman in real life, in a way."

Of course, there really is an Aquaman coming — to be directed by *Furious 7*'s James Wan, from the same studio that released *Entourage* — but that

one will star Jason Momoa, not Vincent Chase. Or Adrian Grenier. And just in case you were wondering, Grenier made no effort at all to get a shot at the superhero role that was such a success for Vinny Chase.

"I think that would've been too silly," he said. "I mean, if James Cameron was directing

it I might be into it."

The *Entourage* film finds Vince a few years removed from the series' triumphant finale, a hugely successful and newly divorced movie star who now wants to direct his first feature — a plot point Grenier, a director himself, had a hand in crafting.

"Vince wanting to direct was

part of what I was pushing for. I wanted to step up the character and allow him to evolve into that next stage of his career," said Grenier. "But for the most part Doug [Ellin] borrows from a lot of our real lives and also from what's happening out there in the zeitgeist."

Of course, Grenier has earned

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Adrian Grenier

a unique view of the entertainment industry thanks to eight seasons and a movie spent playing Vince, and he insists the show's depiction of Hollywood is not as exaggerated as some make it out to be.

"It's pretty realistic. It reflects a truth, a reality in Hollywood, certainly, but also in a culture that puts fame and fortune and conspicuous consumption at the front," he said.

"It's wish-fulfillment fantasy, but at the same time it has something that's special about friendship and loyalty. And really it gives all the tools and guidelines on how to survive that world."

That loyalty bit — Vince's lifelong pals that make up his entourage — is key, he explained.

"I don't think it would be as popular of a show if it was only just the indulgence. That sounds like it would be a gossip show or something," said Grenier. "This is so much more."

"It's about the characters."

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## DIRECTOR DEBUT

## Insidious writer makes directorial debut



Stefanie Scott CONTRIBUTED

Insidious: Chapter 3 writer-director Leigh Whannell employed some rather unique methods to get his cast into terror mode.

On set, he used an air horn to scare the actors, and with star Stefanie Scott, he cranked up some screechy music to "prod her into this darker place."

"I would lock her in a closet and make her listen to death metal," Whannell said in an interview.

"I'm not talking about Me-

tallica here. I was making her listen to Norwegian stuff. It's just like one note ... I kept her locked in there for a good hour."

Whannell wrote the first two films in the hit supernatural horror franchise and decided to make his directorial debut on the third, which opens Friday.

"I started thinking, 'Well, it would be foolish to turn down this opportunity to make a film that's guaranteed to be released in theatres, that already has a

built-in fanbase, and I really cared about it," said the Melbourne native, who also wrote the first three Saw films.

The horror flick is a standalone prequel to the previous films and focuses on psychic Elise (Lin Shaye). When aspiring actress Quinn (Scott) asks Elise to help her get in touch with her dead mother, we learn of the medium's past with an otherworldly realm known as The Further. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Blythe Danner, right, plays Carol, a widow and former songstress in *I'll See You in My Dreams*. BLEECKER STREET/AP

## Blythe spirit fresh as ever

OSCAR-WORTHY

## Modest actress discusses first lead role on the big screen



**Richard Crouse**  
Metro | Life

When I mention to Blythe Danner there is Academy Award buzz around her work as Carol, a widow taking tentative steps into the world of dating in the new film *I'll See You in My Dreams*, she says, "That, I find idiotic." Long pause. "But thank you."

Danner made her film debut in 1972, two years after she won a Best Supporting Actress Tony Award for *Butterflies Are Free* on Broadway. Since then she has amassed over one hundred film and television credits, including all three *Meet the Parents* movies and *Sylvia*, where she played the mother of Sylvia Plath as portrayed by her real-life daughter Gwyneth Paltrow.

Remarkably, *I'll See You in My Dreams* is her first lead role on the big screen. She plays Carol, a widowed woman whose carefully constructed world is rattled when she starts dating Bill (Sam Elliott).

"I think it is a very underplayed role," she says. "Yes, she runs the gamut of emotions but there is nothing that is very extreme in my playing of this role. It is heartening that people are touched by the

whole film and if they are by my performance, that is very flattering but I don't see it as an Oscar-worthy performance. I just don't see it. The possibility seems absurd to me."

The veteran actress admits to feeling uncomfortable accepting praise.

"I do think there is something wrong with me. I really do. I'm very perverse. It may be the fact that I went to Quaker schools growing up. I grew up in a household where we were always told not to get a big head about being received positively. It's the work that is important. My favourite thing when I played Nina in *The Seagull* was her speech at the end when she says, 'I know now that it is not the fame and the glory that is important, but how to endure.'"

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Blythe Danner

Danner's wonderfully rendered portrayal of Carol is being called "quietly touching" by the New York Times and "deeply felt" by *Variety* but she credits writer-director Brett Haley with writing a script that was, "clear and accessible and simple."

"It was all on the page," she says. "I felt so grateful. I found it effortless. I feel a little guilty about saying that because it should have been harder. From the beginning to the end it was a gift."

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Emmanuelle Chriqui plays Sloan in the *Entourage* series and movie, out this week. CONTRIBUTED

# Busting out of the boy's club

## ENTOURAGE

### Emmanuelle Chriqui has learned how to hold her own

It's not easy being a female character in the hyper-male *Entourage* world, but somehow Emmanuelle Chriqui's Sloan has managed to come out unscathed. And, she insists, the training has been invaluable in real life.

#### The *Entourage* world can be pretty testosterone-heavy. How do you approach Sloan's perspective within that?

You just have to approach whatever given situation with complete authenticity, which is all I can do as far as Sloan is concerned. There might be things that morally I don't agree with or that Emmanuelle would never forgive, but we're acting.

And even in these situations where you go, "Oh my God, I can't believe it," Doug [Ellin, *Entourage*'s creator] and the writers always wrote my character with a lot of integrity.

#### She always did get better treatment, character-wise, than most female characters in the series.

A hundred per cent, and I'll be the first to admit it. I feel like Doug was particularly protective about my character. He wanted her to stand apart from the other women that came and went. Having said that, the other women characters — like Perrey Reeves character, Mrs. Ari, Constance Zimmer's character — they're all strong women. They're all super-strong women in a man's world, and that's one perspective of this town that's real.

#### Does working on this series skew your own view of the entertainment industry?

“It's like the glitz and the glamour, but on crack. That's what the show — and the movie — feel like.”

Emmanuelle Chriqui, on *Entourage*

Not really. I would say the only way that I feel it's sort of bled into my life was if I'm on a heavily male-dominated set or what have you, I feel like I've had the best training of all. I'm like, "Don't worry about me, I come from, like, all the boys." I feel like I've had a really good training ground to be strong, be in my body, not be intimidated by a heavy male dominance, and I'm super-grateful for that because a lot — not all, but a lot — of this business is made up of that. NED EHRBAR/METRO

## IN BRIEF

### Sister Act is born again with new film in the works

Musically blessed comedy *Sister Act* is getting a revival, courtesy of Disney. Producer Ally Sherman and writers Kristen "Kiwi" Smith and Carol McCullah are set to create a new take of the original 1992 film, Disney confirmed on Tuesday. The film is still under development and no further details were released. *Sister Act* starred Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith and Kathy Najimy in a story about a singer finding sanctuary from mobsters as a nun in a convent; the sequel also starred a young Laurn Hill.

*Sister Act* was also made into a Tony award-winning Broadway musical.

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Whoopi Goldberg in *Sister Act The Musical*.

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# Grey brings out a new shade of kink

## BESTSELLER

### Latest book isn't Christian Grey's first time as narrator

The new EL James book *Grey* shot to the top of Amazon's bestseller list ahead of its June 18 release on the promise it will flip the perspective of her hard-sex *Fifty Shades* story from innocent Anastasia Steele to kinky Christian Grey.

But her hordes of fans may not realize it's not the first time James has explored her massively popular trilogy from Christian's point of view.

The new book, due out on Christian's birthday, began like the previous three erotic novels, as *Twilight* fan fiction using Stephenie Meyer's original characters, hot vampire Edward Cullen and clumsy innocent Isabella Swan. James wrote about 50 pages as an outtake from Edward's point of view for a fundraiser that benefitted a charity in 2010 as she toiled in the FanFiction.net *Twilight* community of writers under the pen name Snowqueens Icedragon.

"Some material in the book is drawn from that previous work," acknowledged Paul Bogaards, a spokesman for the Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group that includes the *Fifty Shades* trilogy's imprint, Vintage Books.

The new book, *Grey: Fifty Shades of Grey as Told by Christian*, was announced Monday and comes, James said, in response to numerous fan requests that she tell his side of the story. It's what she reportedly said back in 2010, when she



Jamie Dornan as Christian Grey in *Fifty Shades of Grey*; inset: EL James' new book. CONTRIBUTED

first wrote from Edward's point of view to help raise money to fight childhood cancer with other fan fiction writers for the non-profit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation.

The so-called EPOV pages were auctioned off and distributed to donors.

Switching perspectives is common among some fan fiction writers, who take on a variety of genres and styles while honouring their favourite books, TV shows, movies and other entertainments.

Readers who made it to the



**I think EL James is really canny about giving her core readership what they want.**

Anne Jamison, an associate professor of English at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City

end of the third book in the trilogy, *Fifty Shades Freed*, already know that she had teased a chapter written from Christian's point of view, included at the back of the book. That chapter covers Christian's infatuation with the virginal Ana through their first meeting — and his stalky encounter with

her at the hardware store where she works to pick up some tape, rope and cable ties.

James' *Fifty Shades* trilogy has sold more than 100 million copies worldwide. The first of at least three planned movies was a blockbuster that raked in nearly \$570 million worldwide.

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## COLBERT EXISTS & POETRY MATTERS

### Colbert gets fighting trim ahead of his new show

Stephen Colbert's version of CBS' *Late Show* doesn't begin on television until Sept. 8, but he's starting to make an online presence felt.

He launched the show's new website, *ColbertLateShow.com*, and accounts on various social media outlets on Wednesday. CBS also released a five-minute video where Colbert talked about the beard he grew during the down period between *The Colbert Report* and his new show.

"Good news!" Colbert said on the video. "I still exist." He joked that CBS made him shave his beard because Tom Selleck's moustache has a non-compete clause.

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### Young people's author named poet laureate

Jacqueline Woodson, last fall's National Book Award winner for young people's literature, has a new honour as young people's poet laureate.

The Chicago-based Poetry Foundation announced Wednesday that Woodson has been given the title "in recognition of a career devoted to writing exceptional poetry for young readers."

The 52-year-old New York City writer receives a \$25,000 cash prize, and will advise the foundation on poetry projects.

Woodson was cited by National Book Award judges in November for *Brown Girl Dreaming*, an autobiographical novel in verse.

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## PAPARAZZI CHASE

### Bieber pleads guilty in collision case

Justin Bieber has pleaded guilty to assault and careless driving charges in connection with a collision near his hometown of Stratford, Ont.

A lawyer for Bieber confirmed a dangerous driving charge that was laid in the case has been dropped.

Lawyer Seith Weinstein confirmed that a sentence of an absolute discharge on the assault charge and a \$750 fine for the careless driving charge has been agreed on in the case.

Bieber had been arrested and charged in the case in August last year after a collision between a minivan and an ATV in a rural area northeast of Stratford.

A lawyer for the singer had said

Bieber was on a "peaceful retreat" at the time with Selena Gomez — his on-again, off-again girlfriend — when it was disrupted by paparazzi.

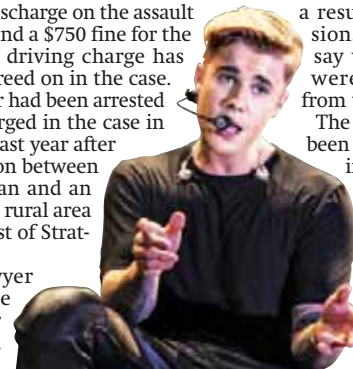
Ontario Provincial Police had said the driver of the ATV and an occupant of the minivan "engaged in a physical altercation."

Const. Kees Wijnands said there were no injuries as

a result of the collision, but wouldn't say whether there were any injuries from the altercation.

The court case had been set to go to trial in Stratford next month.

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Love & Mercy presents an unconventional portrait of Brian Wilson, the mercurial singer, songwriter and

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**Director:** Doug Ellin  
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The big-screen version of the HBO series sees the return of movie star Vincent Chase and his boys.

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Vanity Fair's July cover featuring Caitlyn Jenner has drawn global attention. GETTY IMAGES

# Vanity Fair 'worked' the Net on Jenner

## SOCIAL MEDIA

### Editor credits 'Call Me Caitlyn' surprise success to the Internet

Graydon Carter knew Caitlyn Jenner's cover would be popular, but this popular?

That was a surprise. "I knew it would be a thing. I had no idea how big a thing it would be. We decided to work with the Internet rather than just complain about the Internet as a monthly magazine, and it turned out to be amazing," the Vanity Fair editor said Thursday while seated front row at a Gucci cruise-wear fashion show.

By "working," Carter meant the magazine's choice to release the cover on social media

and simultaneously offer prospective readers the chance to buy the article on iTunes for \$4.99.

Soon after, Jenner herself helped break the Internet with a new Twitter account that set a record for the fastest trajectory to 1 million followers — up to 2.37 million four days later. She also amassed 1.5 million followers on Instagram. Jenner's Old Hollywood style in a creamy corset for the cover and classic gowns in gold sequins and black were important statements for her, said Jessica Diehl, the magazine's fashion and style director who also attended the Gucci show.

And Jenner — formerly Bruce — was definitely in charge when it came to her debut in the photos shot by Annie Leibovitz.

"I think it was very import-

ant for her to come out in a very iconic, timeless but very open way," Diehl said.

Did Diehl, who has styled numerous covers for the magazine, find herself managing Jenner's nerves?

"I think the relief she feels overcomes any nervousness," Diehl said.

The shoot required unprecedented security for the magazine. Diehl hunted for looks incognito in stores.

"We did absolutely nothing digital. Normally we would send pictures to each other but everything was completely offline."

Has Diehl been in the business too long to be moved by the overwhelming attention for Jenner and the cover shoot?

"Not at all," the stylist said. "She's very inspiring."

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## CONTROVERSY

### Duggar sister defends brother



Jim Bob Duggar, left, speaks with Fox's Megyn Kelly. AP

Reality TV star Jessa Duggar told Fox News Channel on Wednesday that she was a victim of her older brother Josh Duggar, who fondled five girls when he was a teenager.

Featured like her brother in the family's TLC series, 19 Kids and Counting, Duggar told Fox in an interview on Wednesday that she wanted to defend him. She said allegations he's a child molester or pedophile are "so overboard and a lie," Fox reported.

During an interview with Duggar's parents, the family

said Josh Duggar, who's now 27, fondled four of his sisters and a family baby sitter when he was a teenager and confessed to them. The fondling was done over the girls' clothes and, except in two cases, happened when the girls were asleep, Jim Bob Duggar said.

Josh Duggar apologized for unspecified bad behaviour two weeks ago when the story came to light and resigned as a lobbyist for the Family Research Council, a conservative Christian group.

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# New Netflix original series pulls A-listers

## STREAMING

### Working with Wachowskis' a dream job for Daryl Hannah



**Ned Ehrbar**  
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When Daryl Hannah heard the team behind *The Matrix* and *Cloud Atlas* were doing a Netflix series, she was sold. The fact the Wachowskis' mind-bending *Sense8*, which launches Friday on Netflix, deals with how humans can be more connected and compassionate was icing on the cake.

"This was the ideal fit for me to do my first series," said Hannah.

"My advocacy and activism, which is my real work, is really all about the same themes."

#### How was this project first explained to you?

It wasn't. I heard from the casting director that Lana and Andy Wachowski were doing an original series and they were looking for a character called Mr. Whispers, and did I have any ideas about that character — and maybe I could even come in because they were thinking about casting that character in a more transgender or androgynous way.

So I went in to read for Mr. Whisper's role, and then they said, "We'd like you for another role, Angel" — which there wasn't even a description of at that point. I just wanted to do it because of the Wachowskis, and then when I found out

the themes they discuss about interconnectedness and the similarities that we share, the boundaries that they push, I was really just over the moon.

#### How is it to get back into the science fiction realm?

I wouldn't really call it the science fiction realm. I mean, it's fantastical, for sure, but it's set in a very real world and present day, and there are no spaceships flying around or anything

like that.

But I do think incorporating a supernatural or fantastical element allows us to be taken places that we might not be as comfortable going in just a very real setting alone.

#### How many of the nine filming locations did you go to?

Nine cities in eight countries. I went to all of them. When I'm standing in Nairobi, I'm standing in Nairobi. And it feels that way when you see it.

Even though it's physically hard to see CGI and green screen stuff, you can feel it. It doesn't resonate in the same way as when something is really shot on film and one in camera. It really has a much stronger impact.

#### It seems like a production Netflix is suited to support.

I think this only could happen on something like Netflix. It couldn't exist anywhere else. It couldn't exist with the advertisers, sponsors and the censorship of television. It couldn't happen in movies because they're too expensive these days. So it really is the only place that something like this could evolve.



Daryl Hannah in a scene from Netflix's *Sense8*. CONTRIBUTED

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# CTV unveils 7 new dramas

FALL AND MID-SEASON

## But no original content for Canada's No.1 broadcaster

It's hard to tweak a television schedule when you already have 11 shows that are in the Top 20 most watched across Canada. For Bell Media's CTV division, it seems that evolution, not revolution, is the strategy.

But succumbing to front-runner syndrome is always a danger. It's no surprise the broadcaster is not necessarily boasting the most exciting new releases ever, but shows that rather "reinforce North America's most stable television schedule."

Not the zingiest endorsement, but 14 years at No. 1 will do that to you. Not to mention that Canada's largest private broadcaster is coming off one of its most successful years under the guidance of CTV sports and entertainment president Phil King.

Rivals at Global, City and CBC, however, are trying to close the gap as conventional broadcasters try to find ways to attract audiences and retain advertisers in their unveiling of new programs this week.

Global is taking a page from CTV and injecting their schedule with superhero and science fiction-based dramas such as Supergirl, while Rogers is leading the way with comedies from '80s icons John Stamos and Rob Lowe. CBC is experimenting with darker, more serialized



Damon Dayoub, left, and Bethany Joy Lenz appear in a scene from *The Catch*, a new series by Shonda Rhimes coming to CTV.

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dramas that push the envelope for the public broadcaster.

CTV doesn't have a lot of open slots on their slate, given that it's revealing seven new dramas for the fall and mid-season television schedules.

"We've made a concerted effort to evolve our schedule while maintaining its incredible strength," said King in a statement.

"We are presenting a new

schedule full of Top 20 hits ... this speaks not only to our strength and stability, but also our future potential for growth."

CTV did not unveil any new prime-time original programming for the new season. Critics have knocked the broadcaster in the past for not concentrating enough on distinctive Canadian shows, and instead, buying up American franchise

rights to shows such as *MasterChef* or *The Amazing Race*.

They have also concentrated on expensive, imported blockbuster genres with *Marvel Agents of SHIELD* and *The Flash*. But it's paid off for Bell Media shareholders.

Whether you like *The Big Bang Theory* or not, it's the most-watched show in Canada.

*The Flash* is the most-watched new series, and *Master-*

*Chef Canada* is the most-watched Canadian show. That's a lot of people not watching CBC's *Heartland*.

Original Canadian programming by CTV includes hospital drama *Saving Hope*, which returns in the fall, as well as crime drama *Motive* and *MasterChef Canada*, which will have new episodes in 2016.

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## NEW SHOWS

**Superheroes, thrillers and the FBI, oh my! Here's a rundown of CTV's upcoming programming**

- Mystery thriller *Blindspot* by Greg Berlanti, the producer of *The Flash* and *Arrow*.
- Gritty hospital drama *Code Black*, based on a documentary of the same name about an emergency department in a Los Angeles hospital.
- The return of Don Johnson (*Miami Vice*) to TV with the family saga *Blood & Oil*.
- An FBI thriller *Quantico*, about top new recruits training for the field starring Bollywood hotshot Priyanka Chopra.
- DC's *Legends of Tomorrow* is yet another superhero team-up show from the Greg Berlanti factory with some familiar superhero faces.
- Shonda Rhimes is not content to own Thursday nights with *Grey's Anatomy* and is back this fall with *The Catch*, about a forensic accountant who exposes fraud.
- Prolific producer Jerry Bruckheimer (think *CSI*) has a supernatural police procedural with *Lucifer*.



Priyanka Chopra in *Quantico*.  
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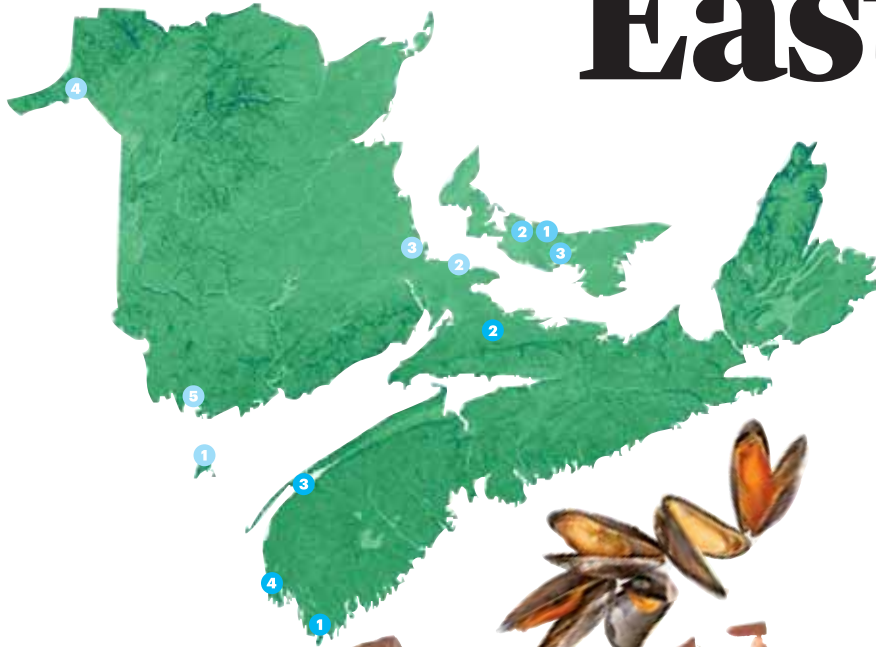
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**2** **Oxford** is the blueberry capital of the world. Time your visit for harvest season at the beginning of August

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**3** Located on the Bay of Fundy, the town of **Digby** is all about scallops. Have them on their own starring in a seafood chowder.

**4** Quench your thirst along the Good Cheer Trail, which includes 14 wineries, 12 craft breweries, five distilleries and five brew pubs from **Yarmouth to Cape Breton**. It also includes two historical sites, the Fortress of Louisbourg and Port Royal, where Samuel de Champlain established the Order of Good Cheer back in 1606 as way to raise the spirits of early settlers.

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**3** ... Or the Restaurant La Sagouine in **Bouctouche**.

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## 2 Soho Beach House

While the Soho is a members-only club/hotel, the main-floor courtyard houses Cecconi's Miami Beach restaurant, which is open to all. The bar is long, lean and comfortable and the Sunday brunch spread takes over the lobby: salmon tartare made to order, whole grilled mahi mahi, flatbread pizza with Parma ham — and a Bloody Mary cart that wheels around making everyone feel better. CecconisMiamiBeach.com



TRAYMORE RESTAURANT AND BAR VIA FACEBOOK

## 3 The Metropolitan

The Met's Traymore Bar, propping up a restaurant of the same name, manages to be both modern and nostalgic for the old Miami spirit. The bar's claim to fame is its dedication to gin: It stocks more than 30 artisanal varieties. Original pink and pistachio flooring is offset with white scalloped drop ceilings, white walls and white rattan chairs. The whole place smells heavenly of the hotel's eucalyptus and geranium signature scent. comohotels.com/metropolitanmiami.com



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## 4 The Standard

The Lido Restaurant and Bay-side Grill is a true local hangout, the name a homage to the hotel's original name: Lido Spa Hotel. Thirsty regulars congregate beside the pool at the low four-tops or along little banquettes built around flat-leaved sea grape trees. Gorgeous servers keep Ketel One martinis coming as fast as you can throw them back. This is one of the city's most beautiful spots for a nightcap at the water's edge. StandardHotels.com/Spa-Miami-Beach



THE RALEIGH VIA FACEBOOK

## 5 The Raleigh

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FLICKR: WILLIAM NG

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**What it is:** Attracting around 370,000 people a year, the Skywalk is the only place along the Grand Canyon where travellers can amble along a glass-bottomed walkway 4,000 feet above the Colorado River. Built in 2007, the horseshoe-shaped bridge is strong enough to support about 70 747 airplanes.

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### TIANMEN MOUNTAIN — CHINA

**What it is:** The skywalk on Tianmen Mountain in Zhangjiajie, China, is the apex for adventurers. First, daredevils need to ride the world’s longest cable car (more than 7 kilometres) just to reach a cliff-face that hangs 1,433 metres above sea level. There awaits a rickety, nearly one-metre wide glass-bottomed overhang.

**Why it should be tackled:** Face your fears. Tianmen National Park also offers other plucky pursuits, including the Xianren Qiao (Bridge of the Immortals), a narrow rock bridge. [chinahighlights.com/zhangjiajie/attraction](http://chinahighlights.com/zhangjiajie/attraction)



BRIDGECLIMB SYDNEY

### BRIDGECLIMB — SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

**What it is:** If you don’t mind climbing stairs, BridgeClimb is a march over the outer arches of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge where you’ll be able to soak in the gorgeous panorama of Australia’s largest metropolis from 134 metres above the harbour.

**Why it should be tackled:** The views are simply sensational. Plus, if climbing the bridge doesn’t wear you out, your admission also includes the Pylon Lookout — a 200-stair ascent to breathtaking views of Sydney’s Opera House and three levels of exhibits about the history of the Harbour Bridge. [bridgeclimb.com](http://bridgeclimb.com)





## ‘Best coach I’ve ever had’

### WOMEN’S WORLD CUP

#### Herdman motivates his players on and off pitch

The Canadian women call John Herdman the “Black Flash” when their coach joins in on their soccer practices. It’s a name he gave himself, they note.

Herdman, who played for his university as well as semi-pro teams back home in England, has a sense of humour. He also likes his party tricks on the ball.

“He does have some moves,” said veteran midfielder Diana Matheson. “The Black Flash’s downfall is that he maybe uses too many moves and he gets himself into trouble and maybe causes a few goals against his team that way.”

But most of all, Herdman is a master motivator and source of inspiration, his players say. No one works harder or longer.

They say Herdman has made them better players and better people.

Those skills will be put to the ultimate soccer test starting this weekend — the Women’s World Cup. Canada, ranked eighth in the world, opens Saturday against No. 16 China at Commonwealth Stadium.



John Herdman took over as Canada’s coach following the 2011 Women’s World Cup.

DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

“He has an inspiring way of bringing out the best in us and wanting us to be the best.”

Sophie Schmidt

Herdman’s journey with the Canadian women started when he took over from Carolina Morace in the wake of a disastrous 2011 World Cup that saw Canada finish last.

Ask the players what state they were in after the tournament in Germany, almost every one uses the same word: broken.

One of his mentors told

### PROFILE

**Age:** 39  
**Place of birth:** Consett, England  
**Teams managed:** New Zealand (2006-2011), Canada (2011-present)  
**Past career:** University lecturer

Herdman he needed to find a way to get the Canadian team reconnected after the “trauma” of the 2011 World Cup. In doing his homework, Herdman was struck by Canada’s patriotism.

“My first piece was like, ‘Who are you as Canadians?’ That was my first question. Tell us,” said Herdman. “And we went 30 minutes in a meet-

ing. They’d never been asked that before by a Norwegian or an Italian coach.”

In Canada’s final warm-up game last week, every member of the match-day squad took the field for the anthems before facing England in Hamilton. They put their arms over their neighbours’ shoulder and sang O Canada together. Only the English starters were on the field.

Herdman has challenged his players to become true leaders, a subject they have literally studied off the field through books and lectures. He has had them strip away defence mechanisms to share their emotions with their teammates, further strengthening team ties.

Ask his players what it’s like working under Herdman, and they say it’s an honour and a privilege.

“(He’s) somebody that knows absolutely how to get the best out of people,” said veteran defender Carmelina Moscato. “He’s a high-performing guy. He’s created the environment for that. And you talk about squeezing blood from a rock, I mean he’s really done it with a lot of us — reinventing us.”

“I’m 31 years old and he continues to call me a modern centre back. So I’ll take it. It’s pretty awesome.”

“The best coach I’ve ever had,” said forward Jonelle Follis. THE CANADIAN PRESS

### FIFA NOTES

#### Body admits to writing off \$5M loan to Ireland

FIFA has admitted to giving Ireland \$5 million in compensation for missing out on a place at the 2010 World Cup after Thierry Henry’s handball that set up the French winner.

The payment — initially a loan — was not disclosed in the wake of the 2009 playoff game, which France won 2-1 on aggregate to reach the finals in South Africa.

The cash from FIFA was first disclosed in public on Thursday by Football Association of Ireland chief executive John Delaney, who didn’t say it was a loan.

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#### South African police investigating bribe claims

South African authorities have opened a preliminary investigation into World Cup bribery allegations, and an opposition lawmaker said Thursday he had information suggesting “high-level” involvement.

Anton Alberts of the Freedom Front Plus said the information his party received claimed a previous investigation into payments around the World Cup bid was stopped by “high-level interference.”

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#### Racism reason for Qatar World Cup hate: Minister

Qatar’s foreign minister says racism is behind the allegations that his country was wrongly awarded the 2022 World Cup, and he denounced the furor surrounding the widening FIFA scandal.

Khalid Bin Mohammad Al Attiyah, visiting Tunisia, said on Thursday that his country co-operated with American investigators and was cleared of any suspicion.

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## FIFA scandal dominates opening news conference



Cam Tucker  
Metro | Vancouver

Even the duller of knives could have cut the tension by the end of Thursday’s opening news conference for the 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup, as wave after wave of questions about the ongoing FIFA scandal rolled upon the dignitaries at the podium.

On more than one occasion, FIFA media relations manager Segolene Valentin, who was moderating the news conference, butted in to ask if there were questions about the actual tournament.

FIFA secretary general Jerome Valcke was initially slated to attend the opening news conference, but has become among

**920K**  
The number of tickets sold so far for the Women’s World Cup

the latest officials to be swept up in the widespread corruption scandal and will remain in Zurich, Switzerland.

Valentin could not confirm if Sepp Blatter, who declared that he’s stepping down as the president of soccer’s governing body, just days after re-election following the dramatic arrests of several FIFA officials in Switzerland, will be in Canada for the tournament.

And by the end of it, Victor Montagliani, president of the Canadian Soccer Association and chair for the national organizing committee, sternly lectured reporters to “maybe look in the mirror a little bit and maybe not put people on a pedestal so you can whack the hell out of them after,” when further questioned about his relationship with Jeffrey Webb, who was among those FIFA officials arrested on corruption charges.

In a Business Vancouver article, Montagliani listed Webb as one of his “inspirations.”

“Having said that, if the allegations ... are true, then obviously that would change a lot of people’s opinion,” said Montagliani.

Saturday’s opener is expected



Canadian Soccer Association president Victor Montagliani speaks during a news conference for the Women’s World Cup in Vancouver on Thursday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

to draw a crowd of 52,000 people at Edmonton’s Commonwealth Stadium.

“I think we should all thank that it’s the Women’s World Cup that is immediately following

here,” said Montagliani, “because I think it’s an opportunity for women’s football to shine some light onto the game that has perhaps lost a little bit of its moral compass.”



# Finn's development far from finished

## STANLEY CUP FINAL

### Teravainen's development on display with title on the line

Teuvo Teravainen is a cold-blooded scorer, in the eyes of Marian Hossa.

"He doesn't seem to have a heartbeat," Hossa said. "He's so

calm. He's Finnish cold."

With ice chips in his veins as the intensity has risen, Teravainen has heated up as the playoffs have gone on. Leading the Blackhawks past the Tampa Bay Lightning with two points in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final served as something of a coming-out party for the 20-year-old rookie.

Teravainen is one of the best prospects in hockey. But veteran Kimmo Timonen believes



**Teuvo Teravainen**  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

doing that ... I told him, "This summer, you've got to make

his fellow Finn has a lot of work to do before he can reach NHL stardom.

"He's got a long way to go," Timonen said. "He's a skinny guy, so he's got to start lifting weights and

sure you work out.

"Golf is not a workout."

Teravainen, like so many young, talented players can make it look easy. The world junior star oozes skill and has magic hands, a product of playing floor ball while growing up.

His talent is undeniable but his game is often inconsistent. After Teravainen spent the first half of the season in the minors, coach Joel Quenneville at times made him a healthy scratch,

including five times in these playoffs.

Quenneville likes Teravainen's "upside" and his respect for veterans. He hopes Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane rub off on him.

"I think watching these guys on a regular basis could help him grow, help him learn what it takes to be a great player, top player, game in, game out," Quenneville said.

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**NBA FINALS YELLOW FEVER IN OAKLAND** Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James shoots behind Golden State Warriors forward Harrison Barnes in Game 1 of the NBA Finals Thursday night in Oakland. The Warriors have handed out more than 175,000 shirts during these playoffs. The slogan on the front, "STRENGTH IN NUMBERS," is the same each time. Go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca) to find out if they could slow James down in Game 1.

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## IN BRIEF

### Serena survives early struggles at Roland Garros

Ill and sluggish, Serena Williams overcame a big deficit to reach the French Open final by beating 23rd-seeded Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland 4-6, 6-3, 6-0 on Thursday.

With the temperature nearing 30 C on the hottest day of the tournament, Williams walked ever so slowly to changeovers, where even lowering herself to sit down seemed to be difficult. During those breaks, she pressed ice towels against her forehead and neck and guzzled water.

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### Juventus' Chiellini out for Champions League final

Juventus defender Giorgio Chiellini has been ruled out of Saturday's Champions League final against Barcelona because of a left calf injury, robbing the Italians of one of its most important players.

He'll miss out on a reunion with Barcelona striker Luis Suarez, who bit Chiellini on the shoulder during the World Cup in Brazil last year. Juventus said on its website that Chiellini had discomfort in his calf on Wednesday. A scan revealed he has torn a muscle.

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## RECIPE Arugula Tomato Quinoa Salad



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A delicious and refreshing summer salad. Quinoa is a complete protein, making this a great option as a main dish for vegetarians.

### Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

### Ingredients

- 1½ cups cooked quinoa (½ uncooked)
- 4 cups cherry tomatoes, sliced in half (red and yellow)
- 4 cups arugula or spinach
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 oz crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup fresh chopped

mint or basil

### Directions

**1.** If cooking quinoa, add one and a half cups stock or water to each half cup uncooked quinoa. Bring to boil, cover and simmer, on lowest heat for 15 minutes, just until quinoa is tender. Drain off any excess liquid. Add to serving bowl.

**2.** When quinoa is cooled, add remaining ingredients and mix well.

### Nutrition per serving

- Calories 140
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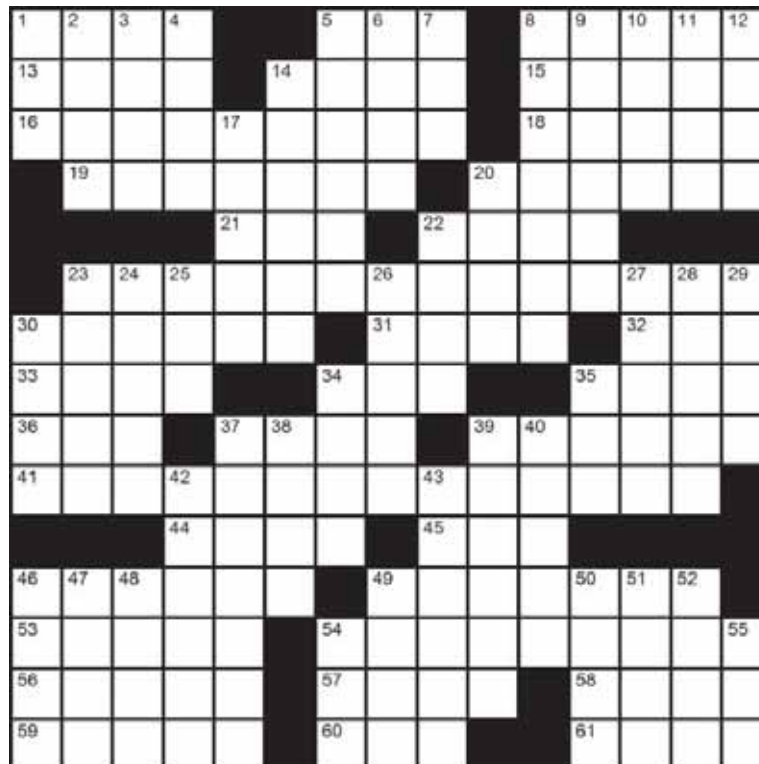
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Shangri-la
5. Camera mugger
8. Canuck chocolate bar, with Coffee
13. "\_\_\_: Warrior Princess"
14. 2016 Presidential candidate Mr. Paul
15. \_\_\_! Canada (Celebrity/style magazine)
16. 1966 album by #54-Across: 2 wds.
18. In front
19. Psychotherapist mentioned in Barenaked Ladies song "Brian Wilson": 2 wds.
20. Wave tops
21. Alphabetic trio
22. Capital city of Togo
23. Bit of "Brian Wilson" by the Barenaked Ladies: "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ / I couldn't see the ground..."
30. Stalwart
31. Crucifix
32. Small, cute-style
33. Allows
34. Ruckus
35. Go through
36. And: German
37. Mayberry kid of '60s TV
39. Soft drink brand
41. Song by #54-Across on their 1967 'Smiley Smile' album: 2 wds.
44. Roger who



- played Robin Colcord on "Cheers"
45. Ink-on-skin pic
46. \_\_\_ shop (Place to drive to on a Tuesday night in "Brian Wilson" by the Barenaked Ladies)
49. Sword fight-

- ers
53. Set of values
54. Brian Wilson's band, with The: 2 wds.
56. Lizard variety
57. Ploy
58. Digging dog's discovery
59. Backslide

60. Poetic piece
61. Fret

### DOWN

1. \_\_\_ date (Food label info)
2. Feat
3. \_\_\_'acte (Interdiscovery)
4. FC Edmonton

- sports org.
5. Pass, as a relay baton: 2 wds.
6. Canadian musician Mr. Kim
7. ER pros
8. TV series about sister witches
9. Fix a shoe in a way

10. Islands: French
11. Crate strip
12. Seal herds
14. Goes over with, as an itinerary: 2 wds.
17. Raced in a regatta
20. \_\_\_ salmon
22. City in France known for silk
23. Office item, \_\_\_ pad
24. Surpass
25. "The Wrestler" (2008) star ...his initials-sharers
26. Less wet, variantly
27. Without the extras
28. Light rains
29. Additional
30. Garden denizen
34. "First \_\_\_!" (Rights-claimer's exclamation)
35. For
37. Supervise
38. \_\_\_ Piper
39. Position
40. \_\_\_ and catch
42. Reacts like Pavlov's dog
43. Comfy: 2 wds.
46. Tangible
47. Volcano in Sicily
48. Cut
49. Game show, "Family \_\_\_"
50. Dwindles
51. Tooth part
52. Since, to Robert Burns
54. Sibling to sis'
55. Stitch

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Better times are on their way and evidence of that will be with you soon. Venus in your fellow Fire sign of Leo will encourage you to see the harmony that exists in all situations, even the ones that provoke confrontation.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You may be tempted to work harder than ever but the planets indicate it would be better if you took the opposite approach. Slow down and don't take life so seriously.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
If you have found it difficult to get your message across of late then it should be easier today and over the weekend. Travel and social activities are also under good stars now, so get out and about and make sure you get seen.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
In recent weeks you had to get serious about your money situation but as Venus moves into the most materialistic area of your chart today you won't have to make quite so many sacrifices.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
Put recent failures and disappointments behind you and focus on all the good things yet to come. Forget all that doom and gloom stuff and make things happen. Anything is possible if you want it enough.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
Try not to worry if your confidence takes a bit of a dive today. Your positive attitude will return over the weekend and you will wonder how you managed to doubt yourself. Friends and family, of course, never did.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
Friendships and group activities will go exceedingly well today and over the weekend. Even if you are the kind of Libra who enjoys your own company you'll want to be where the action is. Party time!

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
The plans you make over the next few days will be important but try not to make them too restrictive. For best results you need to leave yourself some wiggle room so you can make changes as you go along. Be flexible.

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
You are in one of your adventurous moods and if you are not off exploring new places it can only be because you are short of cash. Find ways to limit your spending in some areas so you can do more in others.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
It's good news all-round for money matters and business arrangements. The entry of Venus into the wealth area of your chart means you can expect some kind of windfall. A joint project will pay off big time.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
There is a lot you can accomplish alone but there is so much more you can accomplish if you join forces with people whose objectives mirror your own. Venus in your opposite sign will encourage you not to be such a lone wolf.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
A new project is more likely to be a success if you take your time and plan what needs to be done in advance. You need to take things a step at a time.

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